

QUEENSLAND FLOODS COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Oaths Act 1867

Statutory Declaration

QUEENSLAND

TO WIT

I, Luke Anthony Lankowski, of care of Council Chambers, corner of Egerton Street and Borilla Street, Emerald in the State of Queensland, Manager Development Assessment, Central Highlands Regional Council, do solemnly and sincerely declare that:-

The following is a true statement containing my response to the queries raised by the Commission in its letter dated 31 October 2011 addressed to Mr Bryan Ottone, Chief Executive Officer of the Central Highlands Regional Council:

Intentions with respect to the Emerald Shire Council Local Law (Levee Banks) No. 45 of 1997 and Peak Downs Shire Council Local Law No. 2 Levee Banks as per section 12(1) of the Local Government Reform Implementation Regulation 2008.

1. Council is currently in the process of reviewing the status of its Local Laws in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 12 (1) of the *Local Government Reform Implementation Regulation 2008*.
2. To date the only Local Laws that are to be adopted are those based on the Model Local Laws prepared by the Department of Local Government and Planning, of which no Model Local Law relates to the regulation of Levee Banks.
3. Council does not intend to apply the existing Local Laws regulating Levee Banks to the remainder of the Central Highlands Regional Council local government area.
4. As such, Council will allow these Local Laws to lapse on 31 December 2011, with Council's preference being that Levee Banks be assessed in future by the State government, rather than Council, as they have the skills, knowledge and resources to undertake these assessments.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the *Oaths Act 1867*.

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Declarer

Taken and declared at Emerald this 2nd day of November 2011, before me

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Lawyer/Justice of the Peace/Commissioner of Declarations

MARNIE THERESE WILLS
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