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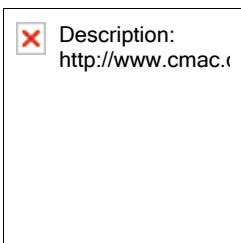
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Hi

Not sure if the commission takes emails in it inquiry. I would like to make to points and I hope get passed to the Commission for consideration.

Flood Response Equipment

Flood response operation in many cases requires the use of large quantities of Sandbags as a measure to safeguard property. This is a very labour intensive activity involving large numbers of persons. There are a number of Mechanical Sandbag filling machines that will enable the filling of a large number of Sandbags relatively quickly. These are used extensively by the NSW SES. It is proposed the Queensland Government either provide or subsidise the procurement of these machines for use by the Qld SES and they be positioned throughout the state for rapid deployment. An example is shown below.



Emergency Operations Centres

The coordination of flood response operations is normally coordinated at the Local Government level through activation of their Local Disaster Coordination Centre. The efficient operation of the LDCC is critical to effective response coordination. Many Council LDCCs are often activated using facilities that are not purpose designed. The days of cobbling together resources to establish and LDCC are long past. The advent of technology requires Computer, communication and Information Management systems to be in place and well practiced, supported by Standard Operating Procedures. The LDCC in effect becomes the centre of gravity for coordination of response activities. A number of Councils have realised this and established purpose designed LDCC eg Cairns, Redcliff, Gold Coast. A large number still rely upon using an office facility and then connecting up computer etc, .When times are tight this is not a position to be in. It is proposed the Queensland Government sponsor Local Government in establishing purpose designed LDCC. The commission should visit the Gold Coast Council and view their LDCC to get an idea of what can be done.

Thanks

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