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Ms Jane Moynihan
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Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry
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Dear Ms Moynihan

Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry - Ipswich City Council - draft findings and recommendations - sewage and sewerage

We refer to the Commission's draft findings and recommendations in relation to sewerage provided on a confidential basis under cover of the Commission's email dated 29 November 2011.

Ipswich City Council notes the Commission's draft findings and supports the Commission's proposed recommendations.

In particular, Ipswich City Council supports the proposed recommendation that local governments and distributor-retailers should agree to protocols as to matters of suspected illegal connections to a distributor-retailers' system.

However, the Council strongly submits that such protocols should also be accompanied and supported by the arming of distributor-retailers with clear enforcement powers in respect of illegal connections, rather than the distributor-retailer having to be reliant upon the local authority to initiate and undertake enforcement action.

Ipswich City Council therefore respectfully submits that the Commission give consideration to a recommendation that distributor-retailers be provided with appropriate enforcement powers in respect of illegal connections to the distributor-retailers' system.

Yours faithfully

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