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Topic: Housing Affordability Fund

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Senator Payne asked:

Does the department have of any further information on the Ipswich City Council's withdrawal process from the Housing Affordability Fund program?

Answer:

The January 2011 floods in Queensland had a significant impact on the Ipswich local government area, damaging existing infrastructure. The Council advised that it was therefore primarily focussed on the replacement and rebuilding of damaged infrastructure arising from the floods.

On 30 September 2011, the Ipswich City Council advised it found itself in a position where it could not execute the offered Funding Agreement. The Ipswich City Council no longer owned or was responsible for the sewerage infrastructure and appears to have not negotiated an alternative arrangement with Queensland Urban Utilities to progress the proposal they had submitted for HAF funding. The offer of funding was subsequently withdrawn.