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Message from the Chief Executive Officer

Major General Richard Wilson (Ret'd)
Chairman
Queensland Reconstruction Authority

Dear Major General Wilson (Ret'd)

It is with pleasure that I present the April 2012 Monthly Report – the fourteenth report to the Board of the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (the Authority).

The Authority was established under the *Queensland Reconstruction Authority Act 2011* following the unprecedented natural disasters which struck Queensland over the summer months of 2010-11. The Authority is charged with managing and coordinating the Government's program of infrastructure renewal and recovery within disaster-affected communities, and the Authority's role will focus on working with our state and local government partners to deliver best practice expenditure of public reconstruction funds.

The Authority also monitors progress across the established lines of reconstruction and provides the required resourcing and support to maintain the momentum of reconstruction.

The April report highlights a significant increase in the reconstruction project pipeline of works. The pipeline of works indicates that there is in excess of \$5.72 billion in economic value through the reconstruction activities which includes:

- \$4.82 billion in reconstruction projects completed or in market, and
- \$901 million in near-term projects (projects that will soon be released to the market).

At 29 March 2012, approximately 91% of insurance claims for the Cyclone Yasi/flooding events have been closed, with \$2.81b having been paid. Of the 6,709 kilometres of State controlled roads damaged during the flood and cyclones of 2010-11, 1,351 kilometres had been reconstructed at 29 February 2012.

The impact of the recent storm event in Townsville on 21 March 2012 included estimates of:

- 162 buildings were storm damaged - 40 commercial properties inundated with stormwater runoff,
- 7,800 residents lost power,
- five (5) national parks were closed, and
- Townsville was temporarily isolated due to localised flooding of the Bruce Highway and railways lines to the north and south.

Currently for the period July 2011 to April 2012, the impact of natural disaster events across Queensland is:

- 63 Local Government Areas (LGAs) were disaster affected for Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA),
- over 4,000 Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme (PHAS) claims have been granted, amounting to \$1.9million paid,
- approximately 940 residential properties impacted,
- seven (7) schools were damaged, all are now operating from original location,
- 129 Government buildings were impacted, with 60 now repaired,
- 9,300km (28%) of the State road network was affected with 2,938 km now reopened, and
- 34 national parks were impacted - 14 remain closed and 12 are partially open.

Updated information has been provided on the Authority's website and information has also been provided directly to councils.

I commend the report to you and recommend its release to the Minister and the public pursuant to Section 41 of the *Queensland Reconstruction Authority Act 2011*.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Graeme Newton', written over a light blue background.

Graeme Newton
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Queensland Reconstruction Authority

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