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Dear Mr French

Supporting Brisbane's Community Organisations

As Deputy Prime Minister, and a long-term Brisbane resident, I know that community organisations have been the backbone of Brisbane's recent flood recovery efforts. That's why I was disappointed to hear that the Brisbane City Council (BCC) had cut the funding available to community groups such as yours.

Your organisation may have received a letter from the BCC recently advising of their decision to cut community funding grants. In this correspondence, the BCC justified these cuts by arguing that the Commonwealth Government had failed to provide sufficient funding for the flood rebuild.

I think it is important for you to be aware that the Commonwealth Government has allocated over \$300 million to the BCC to help rebuild council roads, CityCat Terminals and Brisbane's Riverwalk.

The reality is that this will deliver the BCC with the certainty it needs to push on with the recovery effort as quickly as possible. That is why I am encouraging the BCC to immediately reconsider their decision to cut funding to community organisations.

The Prime Minister and I will continue work with all levels of Government in the spirit of cooperation to rebuild Queensland.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wayne Swan', written in a cursive style.

WAYNE SWAN
Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer