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RDA NEWSFLASH – National Stronger Regions Fund Round Three / Queensland Local Government Elections 2016

- **Applications under Round Three of the National Stronger Regions Fund (NSRF) Round Three will close at 5pm (Applicant local time) on Tuesday, 15 March 2016.**
- **Queensland Local Government Elections will be held on Saturday, 19 March 2016.**

Attention: All Queensland Local Governments,

The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development (the Department) is aware the timing of the Queensland Local Government Elections may mean associated caretaker conventions prevent Local Councils in Queensland from confirming their financial commitment to projects under NSRF Round Three prior to the application close date.

As a result, the Department will accept applications submitted by the closing date of 15 March 2016 and consider any Queensland Local Council contributions (both cash and in-kind) as indicative pending subsequent confirmation from the incoming Council. This includes Council funding commitments made to applications being submitted by other organisations, as well as Council commitments made to applications being submitted by Council.

However, all Queensland Local Councils will then be required to confirm that the indicative funding contributions as per the submitted applications have been accepted by the newly elected Council. This confirmation is required by **5pm EST on Monday, 16 May** and must be via email to nsrf@infrastructure.gov.au from the Council's Chief Executive Officer or equivalent.

NB: Where confirmation of indicative funding is not received by **5pm EST on Monday, 16 May**, applications will be deemed ineligible. The Department will not accept any changes to applications (including changes to the funding commitment). Please also note that all applications will still be required to be submitted by the closing date and comply with the eligibility requirements listed in the Programme Guidelines to be able to be considered against the assessment criteria.

If you have any queries regarding this process please direct your query to nsrf@infrastructure.gov.au.

For further information on applying for the NSRF please visit <http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/funding/NSRF/>

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