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Councils pledge to work together during disasters

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Disaster management in the Far North will be tackled by a stronger team, with Cook, Hope Vale and Wujal councils agreeing to collaborate on disaster preparation and response during Get Ready Week.

Mayors and Chief Executive Officers from all three councils signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at last week's Local Disaster Management Group meeting, in the presence of emergency service representatives including Queensland Fire and Emergency Services Deputy Commissioner Mick Wassing.

Cook Shire Council Chief Executive Officer Tim Cronin said the MOU built on the already strong collaboration between the councils. "This agreement recognises the mutual benefits of collaborating at a regional level and the positive impact such collaboration can generate," Mr Cronin said. "By working together our councils hope to coordinate disaster preparation activities and enhance our ability to respond to and recover from disasters through stronger partnerships."

The State Government's Get Ready campaign raises awareness of natural disasters and improves disaster preparedness. Visit www.getready.qld.gov.au for more information.

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