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Building Co-ordination Centre

A Building Co-ordination Centre (BCC) has been established in Innisfail to assist with rebuilding cyclone-ravaged North Queensland.

“The BCC was officially opened on Thursday 13 April by Premier Beattie and General Cosgrove and will assist consumers and contractors in Cyclone-affected areas by streamlining the rebuilding process,” said Minister for Public Works, Housing and Racing, Robert Swarten.

“The BCC will attempt to provide assistance to consumers who contact it for help in managing their situation or resolving conflicts in relation to repairs or rebuilding of their homes,” said Mr Swarten.

“The BCC will facilitate co-ordination of insurance company and building industry activities by further developing the working relationship between parties in the insurance and building industries. The BCC will also facilitate the availability and consistency of building services associated with demolition and construction.

The BCC is currently developing a web-based database of contractors in the region to assist consumers find contractors for repair work and try to facilitate fair distribution of work amongst appropriately licensed contractors.

All contractors available to work in North Queensland are urged to register on the BCC database. This can be done by phoning BSA on 1300 727 795.

“All building work in Queensland, over \$3,300 in value, must be carried out by a BSA-licensed contractor. If you want to help out, but do not currently hold a BSA licence you must contact BSA to apply for a licence. If you hold a contractor licence in another state, you are entitled to a Queensland licence based on mutual recognition provisions. BSA will fast-track all mutual recognition applications it receives and waiver the licensing fee for the first month.

“At times the building process can be very complex and it is hoped the BCC will be able to help residents through any repair and rebuilding issues,” said Mr Swarten.

It should be noted the service will not provide mediation for disputes between homeowners and insurance companies over insurance policy entitlements. Such disputes would be handled by the normal insurance dispute resolution mechanisms.

For further information on the BCC phone 1300 727 795.