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**Department of Infrastructure,
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Communications and the Arts**

Mr Frank Mills
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands
Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Mills

Unsuccessful application for Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) Round Two

The outcomes of the DRF Round Two were published on the National Emergency Management Agency's (NEMA) website on 28 August 2024 and is available at www.nema.gov.au/our-work/key-programs/disaster-ready-fund. Unfortunately, the Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Island's application for funding under DRF Round Two was not successful.

We have sought feedback from NEMA on the Shire's submission. NEMA have provided their scoring of the Shire's application in the table overleaf, and have asked me to provide it to the Shire for your information.

NEMA have also asked me to convey to the Shire that NEMA's decision was reached in a highly competitive environment where there were both high quality and high volumes of submissions.

We will continue to work with the Shire, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, Western Australia (DFES) and NEMA to ensure applicants from the Indian Ocean Territories are appropriately supported under DRF Round Three. I understand NEMA is currently working on the design of Round Three for 2025-26.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane McIntyre', with a small dot above the end of the signature.

Jane McIntyre
A/g Assistant Secretary
Indian Ocean Territories Branch

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Please note the Shire's application was assessed by NEMA against the DRF program criteria:

- Criterion One – Project alignment with disaster risk
- Criterion Two – Alignment with existing plans or development of plans
- Criterion Three – Likelihood of project success.

| Project Title | Applicant Name | Cth funding requested (\$) | Total co-contribution (\$) | Total Project Value (\$) | Average of Weighted Score – Criterion One | Average of Weighted Score – Criterion Two | Average of Weighted Score – Criterion Three | Final Score (Out of 100) | Review Panel Feedback |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|---|--------------------------|---|
| Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Emergency Coastal Stabilisation and Future Disaster Resilience and Readiness Planning Project | Shire of Cocos Keeling Islands | \$15,121,665 | \$1,759,099 | \$16,880,764 | 32 | 15 | 19 | 66 | The Panel noted this submission could have been strengthened by the inclusion of additional detail, specifically in terms of budget and clearer linkages to national and other plans. |

Extract provided by NEMA