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Bundaberg Regional Council awarded Premier's top Sustainability honors

Bundaberg Regional Council (BRC) was recently awarded top honors at the Queensland Premier's Sustainability Awards for their waste recovery achievements following January's devastating natural disasters. BRC was able to recycle more than 40 per cent of the waste generated during this time and SITA Australia (SITA) is proud to have played a key role in contributing to this success.

BRC won the Minister's Award for Leadership at the Premier's Sustainability Awards, recognising their significant achievements in waste minimisation during the recovery efforts. Bundaberg Regional Council Mayor Cr. Mal Forman, said that it was imperative that the clean up of flood damage began as fast as possible whilst ensuring the focus was still on resource recovery.

"SITA came to our assistance almost immediately following the flooding, combined with Council's own waste management resources were able to remove incredible tonnages of rubbish during the clean-up period. In fact, the work they did and the rubbish they cleared in a few weeks was equal to 12 months' worth of waste removal locally".

BRC together with SITA established three temporary disaster waste stockpile stations. These stations were located as close as possible to the affected areas where teams sorted the immense amount of disaster waste, enabling the valuable resources to be reused and recycled.

Sourcing special machinery for the process, it was possible to extract mattresses, roofing and fencing metals, whitegoods, tyres, green waste, animal carcasses and meat products, gas bottles and hazardous wastes.

SITA's Queensland State General Manager, Peter Hudson said, "From the Mayor down BRC was very proactive about wanting to minimize all the waste to landfill and recover and recycle everything possible. SITA's strength lies in our resource recovery expertise, so we were delighted to be able to contribute to BRC winning this award"

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