1. The purpose of the *Queensland Reconstruction Authority Regulation 2011* is to declare the Grantham area a reconstruction area to facilitate effective and timely rebuilding following severe damage to the region in January’s extreme weather events.
2. As a result of the devastating flash flooding in Toowoomba and the Lockyer Valley, and then the flooding in Brisbane and Ipswich in January 2011, the Queensland Government established the Queensland Reconstruction Authority to take on the task of rebuilding the affected communities as quickly and effectively as possible.
3. One particular community affected was the Lockyer Valley township of Grantham, which is largely built on a flood plain. Damage assessments throughout the Lockyer Valley following the disaster indicated that 10 houses were completely destroyed, 19 houses are beyond repair, and 119 have sustained significant damage. During close consultation with residents of Grantham it became apparent that more than half have elected to be relocated to higher ground to avoid such flooding recurring.
4. Prior to recommending the declaration of a reconstruction area under the *Queensland Reconstruction Authority Act 2011* (the Act), the responsible Minister (the Premier and Minister for Reconstruction) must be satisfied that the part of the State has been directly or indirectly affected by a disaster event; and the declaration is necessary to facilitate flood mitigation for affected communities, or the protection, rebuilding and recovery of affected communities.
5. The Minister must also have regard to the responsibilities of the relevant local government in recommending a declaration, and may recommend a declaration at their own initiative or at the request of the relevant local government.
6. The requirements of the Act in relation to the declaration of Grantham as a reconstruction area have been satisfied. On 23 March 2011, the Lockyer Valley Regional Council resolved to request that the Premier and Minister for Reconstruction declare Grantham a reconstruction area in accordance with section 43 of the Act.
7. The declaration, which is made by regulation under the Act, follows a period of community consultation and will then invite submissions from residents into the finalisation of the draft development scheme which will detail the planning and development for the area.
8. Cabinet endorsed that the *Queensland Reconstruction Authority Regulation 2011* be recommended to Governor in Council for approval.
9. Cabinet approved the public release of the draft Development Scheme for a period of 30 business days, subject to the making of the Regulation.
10. *Attachments*
* [*Queensland Reconstruction Authority Regulation 2011*](Attachments/Regulation.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)
* Draft Development Scheme:
	+ [Introduction and Context](Attachments/Introduction_-Context_Grantham-Reconstru%5B1%5D.pdf)
	+ [Part 1 Land Use Plan](Attachments/Part-1_-Land-Use-Plan_Grantham-Reconstru%5B1%5D.pdf)
	+ [Part 2 Infrastructure Plan](Attachments/Part-2_-Infrastructure-Plan_Grantham-Rec-1%5B1%5D.pdf)
	+ [Part 3 Implementation Strategy](Attachments/Part-3_-Implementation-Strategy_Grantham%5B1%5D.pdf)
	+ [Reference Plans](Attachments/Reference-Plans%5B1%5D.pdf)