

# A MESSAGE FROM GARY OKELY

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## BUSHFIRE COMMUNITY SUPPORT

As you know, JLT Public Sector is dedicated to supporting Local Government and their communities and we are continuing to identify ways to support you during the very challenging times caused by the unprecedented bushfires impacting Australia.

I know that our team has been in touch with you already offering support and identifying what we can do to ensure that the protection provided via JLT and the Mutual Schemes assists Councils recover and rebuild.

Part of my role is representing our organisation on the Board of the National Insurance Brokers Association (NIBA) and over the past two weeks, as part of this role, I have been working with the Board to create a valuable program that the insurance broking industry can deliver to help support people affected by the bushfires. Last Thursday NIBA launched its Bushfire Community Support Initiative to provide guidance and support with insurance claims to community members by providing access to specialist insurance brokers at no cost. This service is targeted for anyone who does not currently work with an insurance broker or agent and is looking for assistance or guidance with their insurance claims.

NIBA has circulated information about the program to Government Agencies for broad distribution, however I believe it is important for you to be directly aware of the program so that you have an opportunity to distribute the information to those in your communities that have suffered losses in the bushfires. We hope that people who need insurance support to help them recover can take advantage and obtain value by working with insurance specialists to guide them through what can sometimes be a very overwhelming process.

If you have any specific questions for me, my contact details are detailed below. Our team is also ready to respond and deal with any questions that you or your Council may have.

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