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## ***BULLETIN***

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**TO: ALL UFU MEMBERS**

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### **RE FLOODS - AID AND SUPPORT FOR OUR UFU MEMBERS IN QUEENSLAND**

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As members would be aware the UFUA national executive convened a meeting last night January 13 2011 to discuss the provision of aid and support for members of our Queensland branch in this time of tragedy and uncertainty.

The national executive is pleased to announce the following outcomes of that meeting.

#### ***UFU of Australia, flood relief fund***

The UFUA will establish a dedicated welfare fund to collect donations for our Queensland members. The details of this fund will be sent shortly.

#### ***Arrangement with Slater and Gordon Lawyers***

The second initiative to support our Queensland members is assistance on any legal claims that are of a non-industrial nature.

We have contacted *Slater and Gordon Lawyers* on behalf of all our members in Queensland to request a determination on what they are willing to offer our members who are involved in legal dispute as a result of the flooding. We also made a request for arrangements on a non-cost basis for members facing financial hardship at this time.

We will notify members of any resulting arrangements that are made between the UFUA and *Slater and Gordon Lawyers*.

#### ***Assistance with insurance claims***

The third and final initiative is an arrangement with Mr. Frank Cosaitis who is a professional insurance broker and who can help UFU members navigate and overcome difficulties or obstacles with their insurance claims.

Mr. Frank Cosaitis provided similar assistance to UFU members who were directly affected by the Black Saturday bushfires in Victoria.

Members who already have a preferred insurance broker should continue to contact their broker. Members should also check their insurance policies to make sure they are covered for flood damage before contacting Mr. Frank Cosaitis for his assistance.

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**In Solidarity and Unity,  
Authorised by Peter Marshall, National Secretary**