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## Suncorp welcomes decision on Roma flood mitigation

Leading insurer Suncorp has welcomed the Queensland Government's decision to give the green light to the next stage of Roma's flood mitigation project.

"Roma is one of the great success stories of flood mitigation and Suncorp is very pleased that even more properties will be protected in the once flood-prone town," Public Policy manager Joshua Cooney said.

"We know flood mitigation is one of the smartest investments Governments can make, as flood remains one of the greatest natural perils in Queensland.

"If done properly, flood mitigation can protect vulnerable communities, safeguard local economies from disaster impacts and achieve insurance premium savings for residents."

Mr Cooney said Suncorp responded to the completion of Roma's flood levee in 2014 by reducing premiums by as much as 90 per cent. Stage one protects some 490 properties.

"Stage two is a smaller project by comparison with 30 properties to benefit. Regardless, Suncorp's commitment to rewarding effective mitigation remains," he said.

"Maranoa Regional Council, including former Mayor Rob Loughnan, have shown great leadership on flood mitigation in recent years and it is great to see the importance of this project acknowledged by the Queensland Government this week."

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