

# SBAS Natural Disaster Assistance

## Are you a small business that was affected by the 2011 Flood?

On the long road to local business recovery resulting from the January natural disaster event in Brisbane, funds have been made available to assist small businesses during this post-crisis phase.

If your small business (less than 20 employees) has been either directly or indirectly affected by the flood, we have some assistance that may be able to help you at this time.

Brisbane Metro BEC will provide assistance through one-on-one mentoring and workshops. Legal and Accounting support will also be available to those needing specialist advice. These services provided by the Brisbane Metro BEC are funded by the Australian Government.

Brisbane Metro BEC is a part of the National Business Enterprise Centre Network - *especially created for small business to reach their potential.*



## About us

Business Enterprise Centre in South East Queensland was originally established in 1996 from its predecessor "Gold Coast Business Enterprise Centre Ltd" and is a partner organisation of the CEA Group (formed in 1980).

Business Enterprise Centre - Brisbane Metro is a full member of the National Business Enterprise Centre Association (BECA), and has been delivering services to support businesses since 1994 including:

- Business Mentoring;
- Business Incubation - Salisbury Business Incubator;
- Start-up Business Assistance (NEIS) and Micro-loans.

*Photos courtesy of Brisbane Marketing*

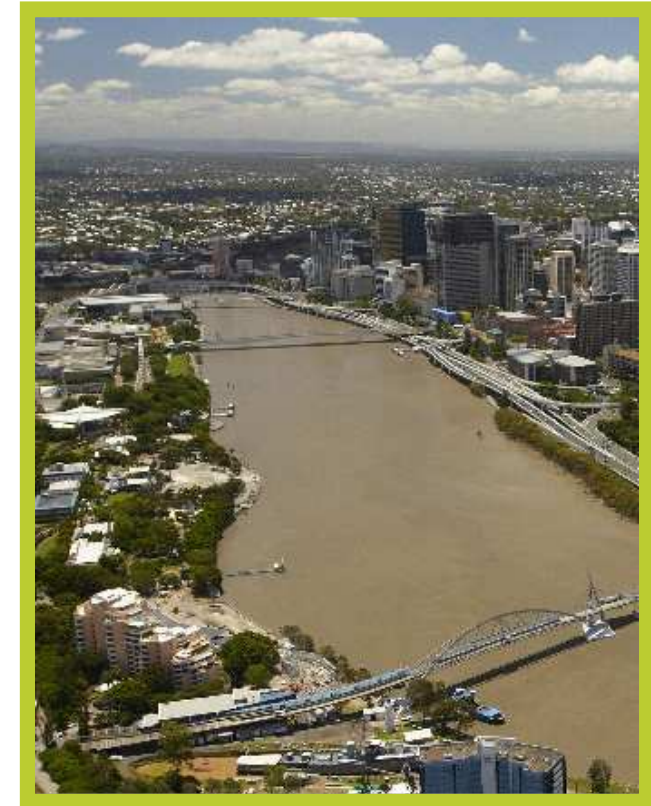
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**“Brisbane just after the 2011 flood - and we are still recovering”**



# Free Assistance

## Background

The Australian Government acknowledges that one of the challenges faced by small business owners across Australia is the ability to access information, advice, knowledge and experience which may help businesses to recover from the natural disasters.

The *Small Business Advisory Services* program *Natural Disaster Assistance* (SBAS NDA) has funded CEA Inc T/A Business Enterprise Centre to provide additional low cost business advisory services. The funding has been provided to assist small businesses that have been directly and/or indirectly affected by the natural disasters that have occurred in Australia since October 2010.

## What do we offer?

Advice from experienced business advisors and mentors in areas such as:

- Mentoring for business
- business planning advice
- loans and banking products
- simple marketing plans
- legal and accounting services
  - small businesses can access legal and accounting advice
- leasing guidance
- government regulation
- training programs
- national referrals to appropriate organisations
  - industry specific assistance
  - counselling services

## Our Natural Disaster Assistance Team

Our team of experienced specialist Business Advisors and Mentors:

- **Ric Davies** - Small business consultant, Trainer, Mentor, own business 19 years, General Manager and CEO positions 20 years+
- **Warren Black** - Small Business Consultant, Trainer, Mentor- NEIS and Business Coach - 30+ years Marketing and Management Roles in manufacturing.
- **Alice Langford** - Small Business Consultant, Trainer/ Assessor, researcher - strategic planning 16 + years business experience, 14 yrs project development/ grant writing.
- **Peter Baines** - Small Business Consultant since 1987 relating to business and employment initiatives - specialising in HR, Training, small business planning 30 yrs +
  - **Peter Carter - Carter Capner Law** - Specialist in Business Law
  - **Kerry O'Neill - O'Neill's Lawyers** - Specialist in Business Law
  - **Paul Cooper - Cooper Reeves Accounting** - specialising in Business financial accounting solutions
  - **Scott McDonald- McGarry Partners Accountants** - - specialising in family businesses and business financial accounting solutions



We are committed to assist where we can, to help recently affected small business owners in Brisbane to realise the opportunities in their businesses to help in the post recovery phase and achieve new growth.