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Environmental Health Officers supporting the response to COVID 19

In previous statements this month around COVID 19, EHA has advocated for its members, in local governments and to authorities in certain states. EHA has also made mention of new partnerships and initiatives with local governments and state authorities in various states.

At this time, EHA would like to recognise the ongoing positive partnership between the Queensland local government and state government Environmental Health Officers (EHOs).

In Queensland EHOs in local and state government work together through all disasters, not just through this recent pandemic but through bush fires, floods and drought. Those arrangements have been in place for many years and have led to a strong working partnership between all involved.

Regular disaster training exercises with local government disaster management teams (including EHOs) and the State Public Health Units (PHUs) ensured EHOs in Queensland were prepared for the COVID 19 pandemic long before it reached our shores.

EHA would like to commend all EHOs in local and state governments, the Australian Defence Force and private industry across Australia on their efforts in not only this pandemic, but all recent disasters.

EHA will continue to support the work of our members in every state to protect the community. EHOs are the eyes and ears of the community in supporting PHUs, local and state governments and local authorities in the national response to COVID 19 with the support of EHA.