1. **Key Activities**

The Seymour Rural Fire Brigade area is located at the northern end of the Hinchinbrook Shire and is boarded by Girringun National Park to the northwest, the Seymour River to the east and the Herbert River to the south. The Brigade’s key activities/services include:

- Identify, map and monitor fuel load in the Seymour RFB Area. Identified risk areas will have plans developed to reduce risk of uncontrolled wild fires.
- Brigade Training – Training will be ongoing as is available from Division. Also the Brigade will take part in cross training with the Urban Fire Fighters, including training them in our methods. This is part of the QFRS goal of a better understanding between the two divisions.
- Ongoing costs to maintain and repair and upgrade equipment.
- Response to Wildfires.
- Ongoing maintenance plan for the rural fire vehicle, replacing tyres and batteries as part of ongoing wear and tear. Modification to carry additional equipment is also ongoing.
- Upgrade Communication Equipment – Purchase hand held radios.

2. **The rateable land to which the Special Charge applies**

The special rate will apply to all rateable land situated within the area identified on the map numbered 2017/2.

3. **Cost of implementing this overall plan**

The Brigade has advised Council that the cost of implementing the Plan for 2018/2019 is likely to cost $1,255 for operational costs. Unused funds will be set aside towards future building and maintenance repairs.

The Brigade has requested Council to levy each parcel of rateable land an amount of $30 per annum for at least the next year. This charge will raise $4,890 per annum to be contributed to the Seymour Rural Fire Brigade.

4. **Estimated time for implementing this overall plan**

This Overall Plan covers the 2018/2019 financial year. It is reviewed, and updated as required, on an annual basis.

5. **Legal Parameters**

Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012
Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990

6. **Associated Documents**

2018/2019 Revenue Statement
Seymour Rural Fire Brigade Area Map 2017/2
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