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Dear Cr Britton

**RE: Support for IQ-RAP**

ICPA Qld Inc. recently became aware of the good work of the Inland Queensland Roads Action Project (IQ-RAP), and wish to endorse the IQ- RAP and its goals to secure more consistent and long-term funding to regional councils. This will ultimately improve the safety and resilience of connectivity in the inland road network across Queensland (west of the Bruce Highway and outside South East Queensland).

The inland Queensland road network experiences a range of safety problems. Long travel times between remote communities leads to fatigue which becomes deadlier in a less forgiving road environment that has narrow seal widths, inadequate sight distance, a lack of overtaking opportunities or unsealed and single lane sealed roads. In 2016, 251 people died on Queensland roads and 6,321 people were hospitalised. A disproportionate number of these people were in regional Queensland.

ICPA Qld Inc. are aware of 33 Queensland councils who have partnered with 5 Regional Development Australia (RDA) committees and RACQ in a collaboration aimed at developing a planning tool for the 82% of the state located west of the Bruce Highway and outside of South East Queensland.

Families in rural and remote areas rely heavily on the road network for gaining access to education and health facilities, or for linking to air and rail services that connect to education and health services. They deserve to have a higher level of safety than current levels provided. It is the experience of many rural and remote communities that better roads improve access to education through safe and accessible bus runs, travel to boarding school, all of which result in keeping families in small communities and therefore supporting rural and remote schools, industry and small business.

ICPA Qld Inc. wishes to convey its support for IQ-RAP and its goals in bettering roads for rural and remote Queenslanders.

Yours sincerely,



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