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Hon Darren Chester MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport
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Dear Minister,

Re: Support for the Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan (IQ-RAP) and Pre-Budget Submission

The Civil Contractors Federation writes to you in support of the Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan (IQ-RAP) and the proposed economic and social benefits analysis as put forward in a pre-budget submission earlier this year. We understand the IQA-RAP Working Group, through RDA Townsville and North West Queensland as the Secretariat, is seeking \$2 million over two to three years to undertake the analysis to answer questions put forward to them by Governments to help build the strategic business case for future road network programming and investment.

The Civil Contractors Federation has 179 members across Queensland. The Construction industry contributes 12.2% of Gross State Product and employing 222,700 people accounting for 9.2% of Queensland's employment.

The road network is critical to our members and the Construction industry. A resilient, safe and fit-for-purpose road network will assist in accelerating economic development and is vital for the access our member's workforce requires. More so, it is critically important for the export and distribution of their products & services to markets.

We believe that the road network should be viewed as a critical enabler for industries to be productive and compete in globally competitive markets and should be invested in as such and as a major asset to catalyse future economic growth.

The Civil Contractors Federation commends the Local Government leadership and partnership with RDA Committees and RACQ on this great initiative.

We thank you in anticipation of your support for IQ-RAP and the regional economies and industries it supports. In particular, we look forward to your advice in regard to your level of support for the pre-budget submission to complete critical analysis to take this initiative forward.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 0431 422 605 in regard to any questions you may have.

Yours Sincerely,

Damian Long
Chief Executive Officer