

23 March 2016

The Hon Darren Chester MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport
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House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

cc Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, the Hon Barnaby Joyce
Treasurer, the Hon Scott Morrison
Minister for Regional Development, Senator the Hon Fiona Nash
Minister for Resources, Energy and Northern Australia, the Hon Josh Frydenberg
Minister for Northern Australia, the Hon Matt Canavan
IQ-RAP Working Group, c/o RDA Townsville and North West Queensland Committee

Dear Minister

The Queensland Resources Council (QRC) is the peak representative organisation of the Queensland minerals and energy sector. QRC's membership encompasses minerals and energy exploration, production, and processing companies and associated service companies. QRC works on behalf of members to ensure Queensland's resources are developed profitably and competitively, in a socially and environmentally sustainable way.

I am writing to you to express QRC's support for the pre-budget submission made by the Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan (IQ-RAP). QRC is not a member of the working group, but regards the plan as an outstanding example of local Government leadership.

The IQ-RAP plan recognises that Queensland enjoyed a decentralised regional economy where roads are often a critical part of the logistics chain for both key business inputs and for exporting products to market. QRC is fully supportive of IQ-RAP's bid for \$5 million in funding for the further refinement of the plan. The resource industry's view is that the further development of the plan offers the potential to maximise the economic prosperity of inland Queensland. As such, the development and implementation of the plan will contribute to Australia's productivity, quality of life, safety and equity outcomes.

If you require any further information, QRC's contact is Andrew Barger who can be contacted on (07) 3316 2502 or alternatively via email at andrewb@qrc.org.au

Yours sincerely



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