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Dear Councillor Britton

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan (IQ-RAP) and the development of road policy in Queensland.

The Palaszczuk Government recognises the challenges experienced across Queensland's inland road network.

In our first term we listened to communities throughout Queensland and provided local governments with the confidence to plan road infrastructure that both addresses these challenges and sustains local employment.

On the back of the 2015 Building our Regions election commitment, the Palaszczuk Government committed an additional \$30 million per annum to local governments through the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS). This additional funding extended the ongoing base investment in TIDS to \$70 million per annum which is set to continue until 2019-20.

While we acknowledge that the IQ-RAP helps to both highlight and raise the profile of the challenges experienced across our inland road network, we do have concerns about the plan, as has been previously communicated.

While I note the work undertaken by independent groups such as yours in contribution to the road funding debate, it is the Palaszczuk Government's position that, consistent with other competing priorities for available funds, the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads is the responsible agency for prioritising investment across the state-controlled road network for government consideration and funding approval.

The Palaszczuk Government remains committed to an integrated, safe and reliable transport network across Queensland and if re-elected we will continue to work collaboratively with local governments to achieve this in inland Queensland.



Thank you again for taking the time to raise this important issue.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jackie Trad', with a large circular flourish on the left side.

JACKIE TRAD MP
DEPUTY PREMIER
Minister for Transport and
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