The Hon Steven Miles MP

Acting Minister for matters administered in the Department of Transport and Main Roads

Office of the Minister for Main Roads

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Dear Minister

RE: Introduction to Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan (IQ-RAP) and seeking your support

Introduction to IQ-RAP

As the Chair of the Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan (IQ-RAP) project, I write to you today to introduce the IQ-RAP project. 49 funding partners, including 33 local governments, eight Regional Roads and Transport Groups, five Regional Development Australia committees and RACQ, have worked collaboratively and strategically in a bi-partisan approach to long term road network planning across 82% of Queensland (19% of Australia) to achieve broader economic and social goals such as improving safety and productivity, opening up more tourism opportunities, creating more resilient connectivity and creating 31,500 jobs.

For local governments it is also about sustainability and creating a long-term plan and pathway for funding streams for road works that make up a significant part of our budgets, and to fill the gap between the four year QTRIP and our 10 year asset management plans. We generally like QTRIP, but also wish to see a pathway of where the future priorities lay.

The IQ-RAP is first and foremost a planning tool to inform current and future strategies, plans and investment decisions by all levels of government. It has been presented to 22 Federal Ministers, Senators and Members of Parliament, 31 Queensland Ministers and Members of Parliament and 42 peak industry leaders with wide-spread support.

We currently have the support of the Office of the Premier and Cabinet and Treasury to help draft the Terms of Reference for economic and social benefit analysis to understand in more detail the positive impacts that IQ-RAP could deliver to communities, the state and nation. We are also in discussions with the Department of State Development about this analysis to support regional economic development.

We would welcome the opportunity to provide you with a full briefing on the details of IQ-RAP and will be in contact to organise this, but in the meantime we enclose the full plan and overview for your consideration as well as a copy of our presentation pack.

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Data request

At our Working Group meeting on 11 August, 2017 we decided to commit to updating IQ-RAP from 2015 data to 2017 data, recognising that many roads have since been funded through state and federal government programs.

As IQ-RAP was developed using data from the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) we now seek access again to data to inform the update of IQ-RAP. We are using the same consultants again – the Harrison Infrastructure Group – who worked well with TMR in 2015.

In late August our consultant would need to access traffic and other data that would be relevant to updating IQ-RAP.

In a cross-departmental meeting organised by the Office of Premier and Cabinet on 23 June Mr Les Dunn, General Manager – Portfolio Investment and Programming, TMR advised he thought it would be suitable for such data to be made accessible again and that we should formalise our request in writing should we proceed with this updating of IQ-RAP.

We look forward to your confirmation that our consultants can access data and should continue to liaise through Les and his team on data requirements.

We would very much appreciate your advice as soon as possible to our Secretariat c/- Ms Glenys Schuntner (ceo@rdanwq.org.au) and myself (mayor@boulia.qld.gov.au). If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call the Secretariat on 07 4410 3655.

Yours sincerely

Cr Rick Britton

Chair, IQ-RAP Working Group

Mayor, Boulia Shire Council

Cc: Mr Dave Stewart, Director-General, Office of the Premier and Cabinet
        Mr Les Dunn, General Manager – Portfolio Investment and Programming, TMR

Att: IQ-RAP – full version; overview; presentation pack

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