



Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan

*Driving Productivity
in Australia's Transport Network*

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Dear Mr Katter

RE: Increasing investment into the inland Queensland strategic freight and tourism road network

On behalf of our Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan (IQ-RAP) Working Group and 49 funding partners, including 33 local governments in 13 state electorates, we urgently seek your response to earlier requests to support the Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan (IQ-RAP) and its strategic freight and tourism road network, much of which is state owned.

We recognise and welcome the commitments Katter Australia Party have made to the Hann Highway and beef roads in the Gulf region which are part of the IQ-RAP network. However, we seek your support of IQ-RAP as an initiative that covers most of regional Queensland. In supporting IQ-RAP, the Katter Australia Party can demonstrate a firm commitment to regional Queensland where the upgrading of vital road infrastructure is urgent for industry, businesses, communities and tourists.

As per economic analysis undertaken by the AECGroup, investment into this road network will create 31,500 jobs and sustain current jobs, many of which are in businesses in the South East Queensland area that rely on roads to deliver products from the regions and/or despatch products to the regions. Brisbane Markets, JBS and the Port of Brisbane are prime examples. In addition, investment in this road network will increase productivity, open up drive tourism investment opportunities, create more resilient connectivity and save lives on our regional roads.

We seek your commitment in this election to:

- reference IQ-RAP as an input to your state freight and supply chain strategy, development of regional transport plans and associated funding programs;
- reference IQ-RAP as an input to road infrastructure planning for increasing drive tourism;
- commit to working with Regional Roads and Transport Groups on addressing strategic priorities identified in IQ-RAP in the future rounds of QTRIP; and
- increase the annual funding of rural and regional roads west of the Bruce Highway and outside South-East Queensland in the period from 2018-2022.

We are attaching for your reference:

- a copy of LNP support for IQ-RAP;
- a copy of One Nation's support for IQ-RAP;
- the AECGroup's economic analysis on job creation from investment into the IQ-RAP; and
- a list of peak industry supporters of IQ-RAP.

We urge you to commit to IQ-RAP and greater investment in the inland Queensland strategic freight and tourism road network to be able to deliver on your promise of "getting outcomes for regional Queensland". We believe this is the only significant state-wide infrastructure initiative that can deliver outcomes for most of regional Queensland. We look forward to your urgent response. Please do not hesitate to contact me on 0407 122 430 or our Secretariat Glenys Schuntner on 07 4410 3655, 0417 198 284 or at ceo@rdanwq.org.au.

Yours sincerely



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