



Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan

*Driving Productivity
in Australia's Transport Network*

22 November, 2017

Hon Steve Dickson MP
Member for Buderim
Buderim@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Dickson

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, I wish to thank you for your endorsement and support of IQ-RAP and your commitment “to a program to upgrade and maintain inland regional Queensland roads”.

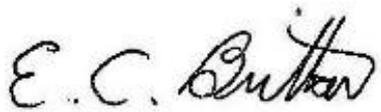
As per economic analysis undertaken by the AECGroup, investment into this road network will create 31,500 jobs and sustain current jobs, many of which are in businesses in the South East Queensland area that rely on roads to deliver products from the regions and/or despatch products to the regions. Brisbane 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 believe IQ-RAP is the only significant state-wide infrastructure initiative that can deliver outcomes with *benefits for all Queenslanders*. To put our state's economy and IQ-RAP's recommended freight and tourism route priorities in perspective, for a cost of 0.09% of the annual GSP, IQ-RAP could be fully funded each year across all 33 local governments covering 82% of Queensland with benefits accruing to all Queenslanders who rely on the road network for delivery of food, other goods, services and tourism and related jobs. Productivity gains and safety outcomes would provide an immediate payback on the investment. The \$277 million p.a. investment could be raised from Commonwealth and State budgets in accordance with road hierarchies.

We look forward to your on-going support of IQ-RAP and the elevation of this initiative and your regional roads policy as a high priority in your election commitments to all Queenslanders.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. C. Britton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "E".

Cr Eric (Rick) Britton

Chair, IQ-RAP Working Group