



Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan

*Driving Productivity
in Australia's Transport Network*

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Mr Robbie Katter MP
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Dear Mr Katter

Re: Thank you for meeting with the IQ-RAP Working Group

On behalf of our IQ-RAP Working Group Chair, Cr Rick Britton, Deputy Chairs Cr Jane McNamara and Cr Tom Gilmore and all 30 other Mayors involved in IQ-RAP across 82% of Queensland, I write to thank you for meeting with IQ-RAP Working Group representative Mr Michael Roth, Head of Policy, RACQ and myself in Brisbane on Thursday 23 March 2017 and to seek your support of development of the IQ-RAP.

We were delighted to have the opportunity to showcase the plan which has been supported by 49 funding partners, including 33 Queensland local governments. A safe, productive, resilient, well connected road network is vital to our rural industries and jobs, including mining, agriculture, tourism and logistics, and our rural communities. Hence this project is much more than being just about roads, but more importantly about the economic development and jobs it can catalyse.

We continue to have strong engagement with Parliamentarians and departmental executives in the Australian and Queensland Governments as well as industry groups with Queensland and national interests. The IQ-RAP supports Australian and Queensland objectives to improve road safety, increase productivity, create jobs, contribute to creating economic growth, enhance delivery of the Northern Australia agenda and increase export competitiveness.

As a follow up to our meeting, the Working Group would welcome a written response with advice on your level of support for this initiative. Examples of support that would be welcome include:

1. A letter of support for IQ-RAP addressed to the Chair, Cr Rick Britton
2. A letter of support for IQ-RAP to the Queensland Premier the Hon Annastacia Palaszczuk; the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports the Hon Mark Bailey; and the Minister Assisting the Premier on Northern Queensland the Hon Coralee O'Rourke.
3. A letter of support and advocacy to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport the Hon Darren Chester with copies to: the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources the Hon Barnaby Joyce MP, the Minister for Regional Development Senator the Hon Fiona Nash and the Minister for Northern Australia Senator the Hon Matt Canavan
4. Mention of support for IQ-RAP in newsletters and other communications

Thank you for your interest and consideration of this plan to enhance regional development in Queensland. Please do not hesitate to contact me on 07 4410 3655 (B), 0417 198 284 or ceo@rdanwg.org.au in regard to any questions you may have and further engagement with the IQ-RAP Working Group.

Yours sincerely

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