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To Whom It May Concern:

**Letter of Support for Regional Development Australia
Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan (IQ-RAP)**

I write to lend my support to the Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan (IQ-RAP).

Construction Skills Queensland (CSQ) recognises the importance of strategic, long-term planning for infrastructure projects, including roads. A coordinated program of prioritised work is necessary to ensure both that the finite funding available to roads infrastructure is directed to areas of highest need, and that the right skills are in the right place at the right time to deliver this work.

CSQ has a track record of working with public and private partners to deliver skills and training outcomes in the context of large programs of work. For example, during Queensland's recent expansion of coal seam gas (CSG) capacity, CSQ worked closely with both industry and government stakeholders to deliver outcomes that not only supported the delivery of the projects, but delivered long-term benefits in the form of a highly-trained cohort of construction professionals able to meet the needs of the industry going forward.

The IQ-RAP represents a robustly analysed and thought-out response to the road infrastructure needs of regional communities. A funded IQ-RAP will provide the opportunity to plan and deliver a holistic and coordinated construction workforce intervention that will deliver a long-term skills dividend for the road and broader construction sector.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me on 07 3846 8707.

Yours sincerely

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