



Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan

*Driving Productivity
in Australia's Transport Network*

18 June, 2017

Mr Andrew Powell MP
Shadow Minister for Transport and Main Roads and
Shadow Minister for Local Government
Member for Glass House
PO Box 727
Maleny QLD 4552

Dear Mr Powell

RE: Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan (IQ-RAP) introduction and input to regional roads policy development

It was a pleasure to briefly meet you at the North Queensland function at Parliament House on 10 May, 2017.

On behalf of our IQ-RAP Working Group Chair Cr Rick Britton, Deputy Chairs Cr Jane McNamara and Cr Tom Gilmore and IQ-RAP Working Group members and project partners, I write to seek an opportunity for us to formally present IQ-RAP to you.

We were delighted to recently have the opportunity to showcase the IQ-RAP, which has been supported by 49 funding partners including 33 Queensland local governments across 15 state government electorates, to several of your Shadow Ministry colleagues and Members of Parliament. A safe, productive, resilient, well connected road network is vital to our rural industries and jobs, including mining, agriculture, tourism, transport and logistics, and our rural communities. As demonstrated in the attached letter to Mr Nicholls, large Brisbane and other South East Queensland-based organisations also rely on the regional road network and are hence supporters of IQ-RAP. Hence this project is much more than being just about roads, but more importantly about the economic development and jobs it can catalyse and sustain across Queensland.

We are seeking your support to take IQ-RAP forward – as a tool for input to future and existing road and infrastructure investment programs, to catalyse regional jobs and open up new opportunities in tourism and to support productivity improvements for agricultural, mining and transport companies.

As a follow up to our recent meetings and previous engagement with Leader of the Opposition Mr Tim Nicholls, I am attaching information for your background ahead of a meeting in Brisbane or regional Queensland at your convenience.

Thank you for your consideration of IQ-RAP to enhance road transport planning and its role in economic development in Queensland. We would appreciate your office's advice on potential meeting dates in the next three weeks. Our office can be contacted on 07 4410 3655 or info@rdanwq.org.au. We look forward to your advice and would be pleased to answer any questions in the meantime.

Yours sincerely

Glenys Schuntner
Secretariat, IQ-RAP Working Group

CC: Chair IQ-RAP Working Group, Cr Rick Britton
Deputy Chair IQ-RAP Working Group, Cr Jane McNamara
Deputy Chair IQ-RAP Working Group, Cr Tom Gilmore
Working Group Member, Mr Greg Miskowycz, Principal Traffic and Safety Engineer, RACQ
IQ-RAP Partner, Mr Paul Turner, Chief Communications Officer, RACQ

Encl: Updated IQ-RAP Overview June 2017
Copy of letter to Leader of the Opposition Mr Tim Nicholls