

19th April 2016

Mr Peter Maguire
Chair
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Letter of support – Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan

Dear Mr Maguire,

Infrastructure Association of Queensland (IAQ) offers its support for the Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan (IQ-RAP). IAQ represents the infrastructure sector across Queensland and understands the significance in the IQ-RAP in driving Queensland's economy forward and creating jobs in rural and regional areas.

IAQ commends the vision and effort of the collaborative partnership of 47 organisations, including 33 local governments across regional Queensland. These 47 funding partners have the foresight to improve the inland road network, while taking into consideration the future economic development and growth in the regions.

The plan reviewed 16,000 kilometres of the inland road network in the western and eastern zones of Queensland and identified that over 3,000 kilometres of road and more than 300 bridges in regional and rural Queensland require 'fit for purpose' standards. Strategic and long term planning and funding for inland roads will result in a stronger network, better safety outcomes, more efficient supply chains, greater resilience to cope with weather events and improved connectivity between communities.

The IQ-RAP will increase the quality and accessibility of the road network and maximise the economic prosperity of inland Queensland. The plan will drive productivity and create short and long term jobs.

The IQ-RAP aligns with the objectives and directions within the State Infrastructure Plan Strategy and Australian Infrastructure Plan.

We strongly support the IQ-RAP in its vision to drive Queensland's economy forward.

Yours Sincerely,



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