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Attn: Glenys Schuntner  
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**Support for: Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan (IQ-RAP)**

MITEZ (Mount Isa to Townsville Economic Zone Inc.) is the regional development organisation responsible for the seven local government areas between Mount Isa and Townsville.

MITEZ works to maximise the potential of the region which includes supporting the development and productivity of the regions transport network.

MITEZ acknowledges Regional Development Australia Townsville and North West Queensland Inc. efforts to compile the newly launched (IQ-RAP) and commends them on their continued efforts to increase the quality and accessibility of the road network to maximise the economic prosperity of inland Queensland.

A collaborative partnership of 47 organisations across regional Queensland, MITEZ applauds the plan's vision of increased strategic, long term planning and funding for inland roads to form a stronger network, better safety outcomes, more efficient supply chains, greater resilience to cope with weather events and to sustain regional communities and industries.

The road transport network along the MITEZ corridor, connecting the regions vast resources to supply chains and export markets is the single most important facet of infrastructure for the region; its quality, development and accessibility supporting economic development, productivity improvements and the sustainability and growth of industry, business and communities.

To enable the vision and recommendations set out in the IQ-RAP to become a reality significant funds are required to come back to the region. MITEZ wholeheartedly supports the IQ-RAP Working Group and Regional Development Australia Townsville and North West Queensland Inc. in their efforts to advocate for the realisation of this Plan and encourages all funders and relevant stakeholders to understand the significance of the Inland Queensland Road networks.

Yours in regional development

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David Glasson

President

Mount Isa to Townsville Economic Zone Inc.