

project. Obviously a priority is to get some

and keep them informed about the project.

Station, Bowen.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BUT STILL BROKE

The lack of understanding at the Australian society about the debt is itself in.

Be lazy and soft over the debt. We have our political leadership and our own conceited name.

President Ged Kearney on National TV (06/05/17) once said we are a "rich country" and broke.

\$1,500 billion, debt of 160 per cent of GDP ratio. We are asset rich but broke and can't repay all the debt.

We are still competitive in primary production, agriculture. This is because we compete with every other country for the same product at the market share which is done

nothing that keeps Australia

our country has been protected in the past 45 years with wages never being asked to compete in the international market to

the loss of manufacturing and the employment in these industries.

Many backpackers take over the jobs in some sectors like tourism. The answer is simple. They pay the wages paid are more than allow business to make a

Australian populous are expecting a free ride through the recession. It won't happen until we are. Every day is getting ever closer to a financial downturn the like we have not seen for nearly 90

politicians do not repeat



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the mistakes of 2008 by promoting a debt fueled recovery to buy more consumer goods from China and other more labour competitive nations to try to stave off the inevitable financial collapse.

- Richard Holme, Malanda

BRUCE HWY CLOSURES HIT OUR ROAD NETWORK

I commend North and Central Queensland residents for their preparation ahead of Cyclone Debbie. While we can prepare our homes and businesses as best we can, there is not much we can do to ward off the disastrous effects cyclonic weather and flooding have on our road network.

The impacts from closed and flooded roads on the coast during our tropical wet seasons have a wider impact on communities and the north's economy, from delayed deliveries of goods and services, ruined fresh produce, reduced business and tourism and the inability to attend jobs.

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North Queensland of Closures of the Bruce Highway', found that a 24 hours loss of trade on the highway resulted in negative economic impacts in North Queensland and the South East, including; direct impacts of \$3.3 million in output, \$9 million in income and 21 full time employment positions.

Safe and reliable road access is essential to sustaining growth and the health of regional and rural communities. That is why 49 partners, including 33 councils, came together to develop the Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan (IQ-RAP). The IQ-RAP prioritises upgrades over the next 18 years and is designed to assist stakeholders and governments to assess and prioritise projects for funding.

It is vital to our economic prosperity that Queensland has a robust network of inland roads connecting to and providing viable alternate routes to the Bruce Highway, as well as providing more direct inland routes to southern states. - Cr Jane McNamara, Flinders Shire Mayor, IQ-RAP Working Group Deputy Chair

AGFOI

HIGH fertility rates across all beef breeding pregnancy testing management tool that can increase productivity and profitability. However, it can be expensive for production cattle professionals in timeframes, particularly Queensland production. Competitive disadvantage for export producers in Western Australia. Testing by non-veterinarians has been for years. That's why AgForce is reducing regulatory compliance by testing to practice. Let me be very clear: taking away business standards. It's an increased access to effective pregnancy testing.

AgForce has secured to develop a professional scheme for lay people are determined to satisfy producers and the broader community and will continue Australian Vet Association and the program meets expectations. AgForce has met with the Minister, the Shadow Minister, the State Government to amend the relevant Department of Agriculture public consultation. Only last week a representative from the Farm Institute high beef cattle live export \$1.35 billion a year more than doubled in a decade. As trade growth sector to remain competitive than ever.

While Queensland's is at a low ebb after years of want to have this nation's mitigation scheme in place returns to normal. Like producers can take the industry can continue. AgForce Cattle Pres

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