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Dear Sir,

RE: Submission on Queensland Infrastructure Plan

The Townsville Chamber of Commerce appreciates the opportunity to provide this submission on the *Draft Queensland Infrastructure Plan* ('the Plan').

The Chamber welcomes the Plan and its purpose to provide a strategic platform to guide the planning, prioritisation and sequencing of infrastructure. A targeted approach is considered essential to ensure opportunities are maximised and value is realised in terms of investment in strategies and actions within a region.

To that extent, the Chamber strongly encourages the alignment and incorporation of outcomes proposed in the Townsville Futures Plan within the Plan.

The Futures Plan seeks to maximise the Townsville's potential and, importantly, elevate the role that the City plays in the State's future.

The Futures Plan establishes a series of 'turbochargers' as catalysts for growth and identifies a number of strategies and actions to deliver on the objectives of the Plan. Specific infrastructure and service provision has been identified within in the Futures Plan, however, it is our concern that these are not necessarily reflected in priorities proposed by the Infrastructure Plan.

A clear example exists in the provision of base load energy supplies to meet growing regional needs. We submit that this should be a clear priority of the Infrastructure Plan.

The Chamber encourages the alignment of strategies and actions found within the Futures Plan within the Infrastructure Plan. Townsville's readiness for growth provides an immediate opportunity to realise value in the investment in such infrastructure at this location perhaps not so achievable at other locations.

Further, we strongly encourage the delivery of the Futures Plan strategy 1.1, namely the establishment of a state-local government infrastructure planning advisory group to coordinate infrastructure planning needs and to advise the *Queensland Infrastructure Plan* and the *Priority Infrastructure Plan* of needs and priorities.

We trust this submission is of assistance and would welcome the opportunity to expand on it with you should you require.

The Chamber looks forward to continuing an active role in the implementation of this Plan.

Yours Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marie-Claude Brown', written in a cursive style.

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