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Ms Jennifer Howard MP  
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Dear Jennifer

I refer to your letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> August 2015 regarding a review of Drought Assistance Measures in Queensland.

Firstly, Council would like to participate directly on the review because of its location and knowledge of how drought severely impacts the lives of people in our area.

Council makes the following points, however, on this extremely important review:

- The existing freight subsidy should be maintained as this is a tremendous benefit to our producers and therefore should be included as a further drought relief measure.
- Regarding Water infrastructure, the 50% concession on new Water Infrastructure on bores should be strongly supported and continue.

This scheme should be extended to cover de-silting of existing dams and where no underground water is available the 50% concession should also apply to new dams.

Council appreciates the opportunity to have input and if the Committee seeks further clarification please contact us by telephone.

Yours Faithfully

  
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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**