

ONLINE SUBMISSION - Employment Creation

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Queensland's traditional and emerging economic strengths:

Queensland needs to have the tools to deliver sustainable development and give companies the reason to invest. Within the manufacturing industry, there must be sufficient reason for companies to spend the money to take the business to world class and reduce costs through better processes in order to compete with incoming finished goods.

Support for industry:

For the steel industry, it is important to keep fabrication within Australia and promote investment to allow for project work. Imported fabricated steel results in a hugely reduced market which in turn does not entice the industry to invest. For the steel supply industry, it is imperative that local manufacturers and distributors of Australian manufactured steel are given a fair and reasonable chance to secure government funded projects, which at the present time does not exist due to lack of enforcement. Industry promotion should be more broadly based.

Unemployment in Queensland:

Yes, I believe full time employment should be a priority. Also, we see growth in employment in fast developing regions should be a target as in the north it was very difficult to get new employees.

Interaction between regulation and economic growth and recovery:

I believe that Queensland can be made an attractive investment destination with the increase of local potential for supply and also an increased awareness of improvement opportunities. I believe that all government funded opportunities should have a more stringent requirement to ensure local business are given a fair and reasonable opportunity to secure the work. I believe that programs like QMI do not necessarily need to be funded by the government, but the awareness needs to be improved. Along with some incentives, I believe improvement within businesses is the key to greater competition and local industry.