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Economics and Governance Committee  
Parliament House  
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Dear Committee Secretary

**RE: Inquiry into the Queensland Government's economic response to COVID-19**

The Queensland Resources Council (QRC) as the peak organisation for the State's coal, metals, oil and gas producers, explorers and supply companies, welcomes the opportunity to participate in the Economics and Governance Committee's inquiry into the Queensland Government's economic response to COVID-19.

With our members, the QRC has worked tirelessly with the Government, local Members of Parliament, local councils and Mayors and employee representatives to keep our staff, their families and their communities safe from COVID-19.

That work has also ensured that we have kept as many of the 372,000 Queenslanders, who work for resource companies or support the work they do, working, earning, and exporting for Queensland.

As you can imagine, COVID-19 has placed significant constraints on domestic operations and caused enormous upheaval into the international markets we supply on behalf of all Queenslanders.

The most recent Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) highlight the success of our collaborative efforts. In the three months to May 2020, Queensland lost 184,367 jobs across all industries. Over the same period, the number of direct jobs in the resources sector dropped only 1% from 66,331 to 65,337. Both the jobs preserved and created in this quarter flow through to indirect jobs in workshops and offices. Across Queensland the resources sector supports 372,561 indirect and direct full-time jobs.

The resources sector knows more will be expected of it in Queensland's COVID-19 economic recovery. I have been invited to represent QRC and our members on the Government's Queensland Industry Recovery Alliance.

A strong resources sector will ensure Queensland's COVID-19 recovery is strong, putting more Queenslanders back into work sooner.


QRC has presented the Alliance with a 40-point recovery plan. Please find link to the Resource Industry Recovery Agenda <https://www.qrc.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Resource-Industry-Recovery-Agenda.pdf>.

On behalf of QRC members, I commend this Agenda to the Committee and urge it to consider our recommendations, particularly in terms of streamlining assessment and approval process for resource and energy projects to attract the investment, create the job and stimulate the economy in the post-COVID-19 recovery.

To date, I am pleased the Government and the Opposition have announced their support for separate elements of our Agenda.

If we can provide further information or clarification, please contact Kirby Anderson on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely



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