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Economics and Governance Committee  
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Dear Committee Secretary,

***Supplementary Information for the Debt Reduction and Savings Bill 2021 – Repeal of Building Queensland Act 2015***

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the Public Hearing on Tuesday 27 April 2021 regarding the repeal of the Building Queensland Act 2015 and the abolishment of Building Queensland under the Debt Reduction and Savings Bill 2021.

I am writing to provide some supplementary information further to our submission and in response to the question by Mr Crandon during the Public Hearing on 27 April 2021 about the Department of Treasury's inference that Building Queensland, "*comes to the party too late to be able to make any substantial contribution*" (see page 9 in the transcript of proceedings).

In my response to that question, I referred to circumstances where Building Queensland has provided advice to the government not to proceed with projects, which in Consult Australia's opinion demonstrates that Building Queensland can and does influence outcomes.

The first example was in 2017 on the Townsville Eastern Access Rail Corridor<sup>1</sup> - measures such as corridor preservation to de-risk the project in the future were later included in line with the advice Building Queensland provided. The second example is the Nullinga Dam in 2019<sup>2</sup>.

Further, as explored as part of Building Queensland's Strategic Plan<sup>3</sup>, Building Queensland has sought to engage with agencies in early project development stages noting one element of the strategy is being to collaborate with agencies in the early stages of infrastructure assessment to shape the state's infrastructure priorities.

Through Building Queensland's Infrastructure Pipeline Report process they also identified infrastructure priorities at all three stages of the business case framework, including the earlier preliminary business case stage. The publication of seven editions of the pipeline report since 2016 has provided transparency in terms of the progress of infrastructure priorities through the various stages of development.

I hope that this supplementary information will be beneficial for the final report.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Executive

<sup>1</sup> <https://buildingqueensland.qld.gov.au/business-case/townsville-eastern-access-rail-corridor/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://buildingqueensland.qld.gov.au/business-case/nullinga-dam-detailed-business-case/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://buildingqueensland.qld.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Strategic-Plan-Update-2020.pdf>