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Dear Sir/Madam

Public Consultation Queensland Bill

The Premier introduced the Queensland Plan Bill into Parliament on 26 August 2014 and you have requested public comment on the bill on or before Monday 22 September 2014.

Under Section 11, Council is obliged to "have regard" to the contents of the Queensland Plan in drafting and reviewing its own Corporate Plan.

Council has no objection to that provision.

Under Section 14, Council is obliged to include in its annual report each year, a statement in relation to achievements in its Corporate Plan that directly relate to the Queensland Plan.

Council has no objection to that provision.

However Section 3 of Schedule 1 of the Bill remains a concern.

This clause provides that implementation of the Queensland Plan is the joint responsibility of the State, local governments, and the community, business and industry.

The term joint responsibility could be interpreted a possible legal obligation on Council to deliver all of the Queensland Plan in partnership with the State when there is no such obligation anywhere else in the Bill to that effect.

I understand that this is meant to be an aspirational statement that all parties need to work collaboratively to achieve the Queensland Plan outcomes so far as relates to their sphere of influence.

If I am correct in that view, I would request that the wording be changed to better reflect this intent.

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If I am incorrect in this view, then Council would object to this section as giving rise to obligations that are not imposed upon it anywhere else in this bill.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'CJ' or 'Colin Jensen', written in a cursive style.

Colin Jensen
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER