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Via email: fac@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Davies,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission into the Queensland Plan Bill 2014.

Diabetes Queensland understands the bill intends to guide government in achieving and reporting against the goals of the Queensland Plan.

Diabetes Queensland is a member driven organisation which supports the more than 200,000 Queenslanders who have diabetes.

Diabetes Queensland supports the Health and Wellbeing goals outlined in the Queensland Plan and is encouraged by the commitment to a long term plan for creating a healthier community. We were also pleased to see the plan recognise that success in creating a healthier Queensland will require action on rates of diabetes.

Diabetes Queensland particularly supports the specific goal to be physically and mentally healthy, with success being measured by:

- lifestyle diseases are in decline
- we regularly engage in healthy activities and make healthy food choices.
- we have improved affordability of healthy options

Diabetes Queensland supports target 12- *Disease and injury prevention – Queensland has the lowest incidence of preventable disease and injury in Australia*. However, as type 2 diabetes is the fastest growing lifestyle disease in Queensland, with 60 Queenslanders diagnosed each day, Diabetes Queensland would like to see specific mention of the rates of decline of diabetes in the annual reporting on the Queensland Plan.

Noting that local government is required to *have regard to the strategic direction of the Queensland Plan, and to report annually on their performance in achieving these strategic directions* Diabetes Queensland would like to see state and local government incorporate the above health and wellbeing plans into their five year plans and acknowledges the opportunity inherent in these plans to impact on the growth of chronic disease such as diabetes.

In addition while Diabetes Queensland acknowledges the personal responsibility that each Queenslanders has for his and her own health, we also acknowledge that it is the infrastructure, planning codes, health system and government policy which have the opportunity to favourably impact the choices made by individual and ultimately influence the outcomes of the goals above and hope to see further entrenchment of health considerations across all these areas.

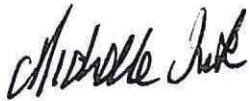
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Thank you once again for the opportunity to contribute this inquiry.

We look forward to working with the government to implement strategies to arrest the growth in type 2 diabetes in particular, and better support people with all types of diabetes to avoid costly and devastating complications.

Yours sincerely

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