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Dear Ms Jeffery

**RE: Submission to the *Queensland Plan Bill 2014***

RDA FNQ&TS welcomes the opportunity to provide comment on the draft *Queensland Plan Bill*. We have been promoting regional participation in the development of the Queensland Plan, directly participated through the Mackay and Brisbane Summits as a delegate of the Member for Cairns, Gavin King and made a submission to the Draft Queensland Plan (7/3/14).

The Principles forming the basis for the development and delivery of the Queensland Plan in Schedule One are strongly supported to deliver an inclusive, informed, structured, strategic and deliverable plan.

RDA FNQ&TS is also supportive of the whole-of-government approach to implementing the Queensland Plan and embedding its delivery within departmental responsibilities and encouraging community, business and industry to progress the Plan.

We recognize the critical role of Local Governments in delivery of relevant elements of the Queensland Plan and support the alignment of the Queensland Plan within Local Government Corporate Plans, coupled with reporting on progress within Annual Reports. There are however, differing capacities within Local Governments across the state and RDA FNQ&TS wishes to emphasise the importance of providing support, guidance and resourcing (where required) to support Local Governments to deliver on this requirement.



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RDA FNQ&TS recognizes the value and importance of the Queensland Plan Ambassadors Council, however it is unclear whether Ambassadors' can access resources and support to effectively reach business, industry and the community to promote uptake of the Queensland Plan. This is of particular importance for remotely based Ambassadors, such as Leon Yeatman, CEO Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council. It is also not necessarily clear how the Ambassadors Council will in fact track implementation progress of the Queensland Plan to inform their annual report. Finally, it may be of benefit for the minutes of the Ambassadors Council meetings or some form of Communiqué to be publicly released to build momentum for delivery of the Queensland Plan and to inform the public of progress against the Plan and the related work of the Council.

RDA FNQ&TS welcomes the overarching strategic framework and direction of the Queensland Plan. We seek to align and embed objectives and targets within our own work through our [Regional RoadMap](#) across the Far North Queensland and Torres Strait region in partnership with our stakeholders including industry, business, local government, Traditional Owners, Indigenous organisations, regional development organisations and the community more broadly.

We look forward to progressing implementation of the Queensland Plan through our work. Please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



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