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RE: Building Queensland Bill 2015

The Infrastructure Association of Queensland (IAQ) wishes to make the following submission regarding the Building Queensland Bill 2015 (the Bill).

The IAQ is the peak body representing the interests of the state's infrastructure sector. The IAQ was formed in 1994 to encourage private sector participants involved in the development, ownership or operation of infrastructure projects to meet their industry peers, potential clients and customers to discuss and act upon infrastructure issues which affect the industry as a whole. Since 2012 the IAQ has focused its efforts on three strategic themes, being Process (a rigorous and transparent process for bringing projects to market), Pipeline (a sustainable pipeline of projects), and Private Investment in infrastructure, for engagement with its members, community and Government.

The IAQ has reviewed the Bill and has canvassed the views of its members in preparing this submission. We support the Bill and its introduction to Parliament in its current form as it aligns well with our strategic direction and represents a positive direction for the Infrastructure Industry in Queensland.

We support the establishment of Building Queensland as an independent body with a range of powers and obligations defined in the Bill, specifically the requirement to develop and publish an infrastructure pipeline, and the centralisation of project analysis with Building Queensland.

We encourage the Government to establish a policy that clearly articulates the roles and responsibilities of Building Queensland, Queensland Treasury, and the line agencies in the development and delivery of projects under the Project Assurance Framework. We see this as being critical to the efficient progress of projects as it will reduce friction between agencies and will encourage private sector participation in projects through a greater level of transparency of process.

On behalf of our members we recommend that Government should disclose as much information about projects as possible subject to genuine commercial in confidence constraints. Disclosing information such as the Business Case findings, the public sector comparator, and contract documentation will allow for more efficient bidding processes by increasing the market's understanding of the technical and commercial requirements of individual projects as well as the Government's preferred commercial precedents.

The IAQ and its members are encouraged by the timely establishment of Building Queensland including drafting of the Bill, the process to establish the Board of Building Queensland, and the appointment of David Quinn as the Chief Executive Officer. Again, we encourage the Government to

continue to meet its stated timeframes for finalising the Legislation, and the development of the infrastructure pipeline to continue to restore much needed confidence in the Queensland infrastructure market.

We look forward to continuing to work with the Queensland Government and Building Queensland to develop a sustainable infrastructure market in Queensland. If you have any questions regarding this submission, please contact me [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roger Black". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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