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**The Research Director
Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000**

VIA EMAIL: ipnrc@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: WHITSUNDAY REGIONAL COUNCIL SUBMISSION ON QUEENSLAND
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (PLANNING FOR PROSPERITY) BILL 2015**

We write in reference to the *Planning and Development (Planning for Prosperity) Bill 2015 (the Bill)* Private Members Bill and current call for submissions. The Whitsunday Regional Council (Council) welcomes the opportunity to provide input into this process and seeks to provide feedback to the Queensland Government on this matter.

Council would like to take this opportunity to confirm its support for reform of the current Queensland Planning System and what the Bill is looking to achieve through its creation of a legible, navigable and outcome focused planning instrument.

Council supports an improvement to the current planning processes in particular the intention to streamline and refine plan making arrangements to ensure the creation of a fit-for-purpose plan making process; the resulting local planning instruments; and the simplification of the development assessment system. This will create an environmental and cultural shift, improving the efficiency of plan making and the ability of Council to undertake a more deliberative risk assessment within the development assessment process, whilst enhancing the process of community engagement and confidence.

Council would like to thank the Committee for the opportunity to provide input into the process and looks forward to working with the State on implementing changes in the future.

Should you wish to discuss any of the matters raised in this submission please feel free to contact Jamie Thorley [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully



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