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

Dear Sir/Madam

RE SUBMISSION: STOCK ROUTE NETWORK MANAGEMENT BILL 2016

Isaac Regional Council welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission on the Stock Route Management Bill 2016.

Isaac Regional Council has been an active participant in the Stock Route Implementation Group and has participated in comments on the various iterations of the Bill since 2011. It is pleasing to note that the 2016 Bill captured the important comments from this process.

Isaac Regional Council participated in presentations led by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines which clarified many questions and concerns. Notably, Isaac Regional Council supports the following provisions.

1. The continuation of the Capital Works Program for the maintenance of facilities on the Primary Stock Routes.
2. The ability of local government to consider and approve the harvesting of the stock route.
3. The ability of local government to retain all revenue from approvals and agreements.

There was however some issues of concern to Isaac Regional Council, that needs consideration by the committee.

1. There will be significant work and resources required by Isaac Regional Council in the planning and implementation of the new legislation for example the administration of current Permits to Occupy and the transition of these under the new framework.

Isaac Regional Council urges the State to ensure that there will be adequate resourcing to undertake the work necessary to assist Local Government in the implementation of these changes.

Should you require any further information or assistance regarding this matter please contact
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Yours sincerely

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