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State Development, Infrastructure & Industry Committee
Parliament House
George St
Brisbane, QLD 4000

Dear Chairman

Inquiry into the Economic Development Bill 2012

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the *Economic Development Bill 2012*.

Over the past seven months, the Property Council has worked closely with Assistant Minister for Planning Reform, Ian Walker MP, on the Government's proposed changes to planning legislation in Queensland.

Throughout this consultation, the Property Council reinforced the need for the work of the Urban Land Development Authority (ULDA) to be embedded and strengthened within the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning.

The new legislation will ensure the best bits of the ULDA's legacy will remain, while sending a powerful message to the rest of the country that Queensland is serious about facilitating growth.

In particular, the ability to declare Priority Development Areas (PDAs) in partnership with local government means that expertise and innovation can continue to be applied to challenging projects or locations across the state.

It was vitally important to industry that the learnings of the ULDA were not lost, and we are confident we will now see the innovations of the ULDA mainstreamed into our planning and development assessment system.

We look forward to continuing our conversations to further streamline and improve Queensland's planning system, while facilitating the economic development of our state.

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