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The Research Director
 State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee
 Parliament House
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Dear Sir/ Madam,

**RE: Submission to the Inquiry into the future and continued relevance of
 Government land tenure across Queensland**

I refer to Committee Chair Ted Malone's letter dated 26 June 2012 inviting public submissions to the aforementioned Inquiry.

I advise that the topic of the Inquiry is of particular interest to Longreach Regional Council, and I suspect the wider local government industry, for inter alia:-

1. Land tenure is the basis of property ownership or use rights, with the various forms of tenure conferring the lawful occupation and use rights for owners or tenants.
2. Local Government rating powers are built on the valuation of separately identifiable parcels of land, often with a cascade or layering of tenures. Any review of the land tenure regime need to protect or enhance local government's revenue raising powers.
3. Occupation and use rights are integral to economic activity originating from land.
4. Competing tenures (e.g. mineral exploration/ extraction vs. agricultural tenures) are creating conflict between stakeholders.
5. This conflict can be resolved through this review.

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Further to the above, Council is unable to provide any further comments as the Inquiries' terms of reference are broad and general in nature. Should the Committee wish to narrow the terms of reference and seek comment on specific proposals or issues, Council would be interested in refining its submission.

Would you please contact Council's Mr. Andrew McKenzie on (07) 4658 4111 should you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely,

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