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State Development Infrastructure & Industry Committee
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

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

Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: WHITSUNDAY REGIONAL COUNCIL FEEDBACK - LAND AND OTHER
LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL INQUIRY**

We write in reference to the Land and Other Legislation Amendment Bill and current request 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 strongly supports the parliamentary inquiry process and the facilitation of integrated partnerships between all levels of Government. Council has, and continues to work with the Queensland Government and neighbouring Local Councils on regional issues and the ongoing development and prosperity of the region.

We would like to take the opportunity to confirm that Council supports the current proposed amendments to *the Land Act 1994*.

In particular, but not limited to, those amendments which will enable security of tenure on the offshore islands and pastoral land. This will create an environment for investment/reinvestment into tourism assets on the islands and pastoral assets and therefore greater economic development for the Whitsundays.

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 Amanda Taylor on (07) 4945 0222

Yours faithfully



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