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Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: Regional Planning Interests Regulation 2014

I refer to the Regional Planning Interests Regulation 2014 on which the State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee is seeking written submissions. Please find in Attachment A comments forming a submission on behalf of Ipswich City Council.

Should you require any further information or clarification on the aspects raised, please do not hesitate to contact me on [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully

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ATTACHMENT A – IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL SUBMISSION

Comments on the Regional Planning Interests Regulation 2014

Comments on the Regional Planning Interests Regulation 2014 (the Regulation) are set out below. It is requested that these comments be taken into consideration prior to the finalisation of the regulation.

- Section 14 of the Regulation lists the ‘Criteria for assessor for assessment application.’ The triggers in this section are not clear or easy to understand, particularly with regard to what provisions would be required to be addressed for strategic cropping land where also located in the agricultural priority area (Section 14(4)). It appears that only the ‘required outcome’ stated in Schedule 2 would apply to an activity for strategic cropping land where located in a priority agricultural area, however, this paragraph would benefit from being redrafted to clearly indicate the criteria that apply to the specific ‘activity’.
- Schedule 1, Section 12 of the Regulation lists the assessing agencies and their functions. It is not clear what role local government will have for those Areas of Regional Interest that will be assessed by the State agencies. This should be clarified.
- Part 5 of the Regulation lists the Regional Interests Development Approvals. It appears that an assessment application is notifiable (subject to public notification) only if the Area of Regional Interest in which the resource activity is proposed to be carried out is also a Priority Living Area (Section 13). This aspect requires further clarification, particularly relating to referral and opportunities for community and stakeholder consultation on applications which relate to the other priority areas.
- Schedule 2 includes the use of terms such as “adversely impact” and “significant impact” relative to managing the impacts from activities within Areas of Regional Interest. These terms should be appropriately defined to provide certainty in their application.