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

STATE DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING (RED TAPE REDUCTION) AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2014

I refer to the invitation to interested individuals and organisations to make a submission to the inquiry by the State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee into the *State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (Red Tape Reduction) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014* and enclose the following comments on behalf of Gladstone Regional Council.

Council acknowledges that the policy objectives of the Bill are in keeping with the Queensland Governments election promise to 'reduce red tape' and drive economic development in Queensland.

1. Amend the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 to enable local governments to regulate party houses as a specific land use under their planning schemes

The Queensland Planning Provisions (QPP) are the standard planning scheme provisions made under the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 and is consistent with the government approach of "delivering a more streamlined planning system and providing sustainable development outcomes for communities throughout Queensland". To provide a clear and consistent approach Council officers support the alternative approach of achieving policy objectives by means of amending the Standard Planning Scheme Provisions in preference to amending the Sustainable Planning Act 2009.

2. Amend the SDPWO Act to streamline the approvals process by creating an alternative assessment process for certain coordinated projects.

Council officers have noted that the proposed amendments to the State Development Public Works Organisation Act 1971 (SDPWO Act) intend to create an alternative assessment process for projects which the Coordinator-General is satisfied do not need to be assessed through the EIS process. Further, it is proposed to increase the power and flexibility of SDA development schemes. Whilst Council officers have no particular issues to raise in relation to the proposed amendments, it is requested that some formal consultation be undertaken for local government officers in those Council areas that contain SDA's.

Council's review has been primarily based upon matters that are specific to our local government area, although overall Council officers generally support and have no objection to the proposed amendments.

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact **Council's Regional Strategy Section** on **(07) 4975 8131**.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Schuler', is written over a horizontal dotted line.

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