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**Re: Sustainable Planning (Infrastructure Charges) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 (the Bill)**

The Council of Mayors (SEQ) thanks you for the opportunity to provide feedback to the Committee on the 'Sustainable Planning (Infrastructure Charges) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill' (the Bill). As the key group representing the Councils of South East Queensland, the Council of Mayors (SEQ) represents two-thirds of all Queenslanders and as such we have a strong interest in the intended outcome of the changes to the Infrastructure Charges framework.

We acknowledge and support the State Government's commitment to address the issues associated with Infrastructure Charges in the state and the need to drive economic growth. We continue to be supportive of engagement with the Council of Mayors (SEQ) and industry to identify genuine solutions to the funding gap that exists and the ongoing support of concepts such as the 'Economic Growth Partnership Model'.

In addition to the ongoing engagement with the Department on finding a workable model to address the funding gap, the Council of Mayors (SEQ) is supportive of the submission provided by the Local Government Association of Queensland in relation to the operational level of detail in the Bill. The submission provided by the LGAQ identifies some very important issues with the proposed changes. With input from SEQ Councils, it accurately reflects the concerns of our member Councils. We encourage the Committee to give strong consideration to these concerns and we offer our support to resolve these issues prior to the adoption of the Bill and the completion of the guidance material.

We welcome the opportunity to work with the Committee and the Department to help refine the changes to the framework and recommend that further consultation be undertaken with the LGAQ and council officers to address fully the matters identified by the LGAQ.

If you wish to discuss any part of this submission in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me on 3040 3460 or [peter.olah@seqmayors.qld.gov.au](mailto:peter.olah@seqmayors.qld.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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**Peter Olah**  
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