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The Research Director  
 State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee  
 PARLIAMENT House  
 George St  
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Dear Sir/Madam

## **SUBMISSION - INQUIRY TO SUSTAINABLE PLANNING AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2012**

I refer to the *Sustainable Planning and Other Legislation Bill 2012*, which was introduced into Parliament on the 14 September 2012.

On the 9 October 2012, Council resolved and provided delegation to the Development Assessment Manager to write to the State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee to provide Council's comments on the *Sustainable Planning and Other Legislation Bill 2012*.

At its meeting, Council discussed the changes to the legislation and indicated support for the seven (7) significant amendments to the *Sustainable Planning Act* and the changes put forward in the *Sustainable Planning and Other Legislation Bill 2012*, which seeks to reduce red tape and provide a more streamlined and simplified planning and development system, which will greatly benefit the development industry.

Council raised one concern in relation to the Courts having greater discretion in awarding costs (in Planning and Environment Court Appeals) to the losing party. Council is concerned that it will have a significant impact on the ability for local communities and interest groups from legitimately participating in the legal process.

Additionally, Council raised concerns regarding the limited time period for consultation for such complex planning legislation. The context for raising this concern is that in order for governance and decision making processes to occur, a resolution of Council is required, which requires reports to Planning and Development Committee and Full Council. The short time frame for consultation associated with the *Sustainable Planning and Other Legislation Bill 2012* is considered unacceptable given the potential impact on the community and Council's decision making processes and practices.

Overall, Council would like to take the opportunity to commend the State Government on its attention to planning and development related issues and the proactive approach taken to reviewing the impediments to development.



If you have any questions or need further information please do not hesitate to contact me 3412 5322 or email [jane.frawley@logan.qld.gov.au](mailto:jane.frawley@logan.qld.gov.au).

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane Frawley', written over a faint, illegible background.

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(on behalf of Chris Rose, Chief Executive Officer)