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Committee Secretary State Development,
Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee
Parliament House
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Economic Development and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the Economic Development and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018.

The Urban Development Institute of Australia (the Institute) is a national not-for-profit organisation representing the property development industry and the Queensland office is the largest of the state bodies. The role of the Institute is to assist our members to deliver jobs, diverse housing and thriving communities.

The Institute supports the consultative approach that has been taken by Economic Development Queensland and other parts of government in regard to development of this legislation. Consultation was undertaken at an early stage, when proposals were further developed, as well as through the Parliamentary committee process. This is a process the Institute supports for more general use.

The Institute has reviewed the detail of the legislative proposals and in general supports those changes. The Institute does not provide comment on the amendments to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority Act 2011.

The proposed changes in general, enable Economic Development Queensland to operate more efficiently. Also, the changes update and allow greater conformity of the *Economic Development Act 2012* with other legislation. The Institute recognises the value of a relatively rapid response by Economic Development Queensland to address and enable progress of developments.

In particular, the fragmented ownership of the major portion of land supply in South East Queensland is an increasingly difficult challenge for industry in achieving timely development with quality, coordinated outcomes for the community. With greater reliance on fragmented land supply for housing to meet significant population growth forecasts, there is a critical need for government to intervene with coordinated infrastructure or

otherwise act to hasten development of these constrained areas to meet community need. The Institute also supports the other changes that keep administration of development processes up to date and streamlined.

Thank you for the opportunity to be involved in the development of the proposed changes. If there is any matter that you wish to discuss, please contact Martin Zaltron on

Yours sincerely,

Urban Development Institute of Australia Queensland

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