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The Research Director  
Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: INQUIRY INTO RAIL FREIGHT USE BY AGRICULTURE AND  
LIVESTOCK INDUSTRIES IN QUEENSLAND**

Council has discussed the above issue that has been raised and is suggesting that it would be more fruitful for the relevant Minister or appropriate authority to visit the areas impacted by reduction of rail services. Certainly the potential to gather relevant and meaningful data would be much more readily achieved rather than asking for submissions.

Banana Shire's experience in the Biloela area is that QR actively discouraged utilisation of rail freight services in order to hasten the closure of the Biloela branch line.

Yours sincerely



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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**