

Dear Fellow TNQ Voter,

*Over the next 3 weeks, you, the people of the Tropical North, have the opportunity to shape the future of our region.*

*Our combined members represent 1800 businesses and over 90% of Gross Regional Product.*

*We are strong advocates for our region's growth and prosperity.*

*Last year, as part of a wider state and federal infrastructure and policy strategy, we identified six priorities for the region:*

**1. Aquis /Integrated Resort Development licence for Cairns – to ensure licence and project approvals are completed in 2015.**

Why? To bring an enormous single boost to economic growth and new tourism development.

**2. Aviation Development - \$18.75m over 3 years to increase the number of direct flights to Cairns.**

Why? To support tourism growth and more access for TNQ residents to existing and new destinations.

**3. Roads - Road funding for Bruce Highway (\$123m) and Hann Highway (\$90m).**

Why? To support regional growth with a shorter route to the south and to ensure all-weather access when the Bruce Highway is cut.

**4. Cairns and Hinterland Hospital & Health Service Funding - \$80m pa to fund additional beds and staff.**

Why? To improve Health Services for our growing region.

**5. Continued assessment of Nullinga Dam - \$12m for project assessment for investment in key bulk water infrastructure**

Why? To provide for water security for our growing population, because water needs long-term planning and decisions need to be made now.

**6. Cairns Shipping Development Project - Expansion of the Trinity Inlet Shipping Channel**

Why? To accommodate the larger cruise and other vessels that cannot currently visit Cairns.

*These priorities are key projects that will strengthen our entire economic foundation, and we are seeking commitment from the **major** parties to support them.*

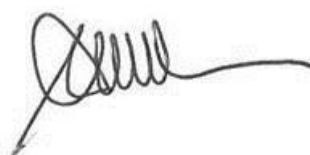
*Our members are united and consistent in their call for commitment for these key projects. Over the next 3 weeks we will tell you more about what these mean for our region.*

*Now we call on you to ask your candidate what they are doing to support our future growth.*

***Your role in assuring a bright future for our region is essential.***



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