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To Whom It May Concern,

As the state's peak business organisation, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland (CCIQ) welcomes the opportunity to provide input (please see attached) to the development of the Queensland Regionalisation Strategy. Representing the interests of 25,000 businesses across all regions in Queensland, CCIQ is acutely aware of the challenges and opportunities associated with the State's strong population growth over the past decade.

Queensland businesses strongly advocate a long term strategic planning approach to be adopted across the State with a focus on meeting the needs of a growing population. Government needs to be proactive to ensure that each region can reap the benefits of a growing population and economy. Population planning, infrastructure spending and development need to remain apolitical with planning and commitments extending well beyond election timeframes. Furthermore, businesses stress the importance of our regions remaining an attractive option for permanent settlement by both Australian citizens and migrants in addition to being competitive in attracting new business investment and expansion activities.

CCIQ is strongly supportive of long term planning that ensures Queensland's population growth and associated infrastructure are managed in a way that delivers environmental, social and economic outcomes for the benefit of all Queensland communities. Queensland's Regionalisation Strategy should provide a framework to effectively manage population growth while harnessing opportunities and encouraging business and population movement to regional Queensland.

To this end CCIQ has developed a Population and Infrastructure Blueprint and a Blueprint for Fighting Queensland's Over-Regulation that are related to this process. These documents are attached for your reference.

CCIQ looks forward to working with the Department of Local Government and Planning to enhance the competitiveness of Queensland's regions. Please contact Elizabeth Roberts on (07) 3842 2227 or at eroberts@cciq.com.au if you would like to discuss any aspect of the attached submission.

Yours sincerely

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