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Michael Crawford
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Standing Committee on Infrastructure,
Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
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Dear Mr Crawford

COASTAL SHIPPING INQUIRY

Council would wish to place before the Coastal Shipping Inquiry its expectations and concerns about the growth in population and economic activity to the south of Logan, which will impact on coastal shipping and place great demands on transport infrastructure.

Logan City lies to the south of Brisbane. It has a current population of 254,000. Following our recent expansion as part of Queensland's Local Government reforms and now incorporates large areas of northern Beaudesert and Gold Coast Councils which are forecast in the SEQ Regional Plan to grow by at least 300,000 residents over the next 25 years.

It is understood that you have been provided with materials assembled by Urbis consultants on the development of the "Great South West" region, a concerted effort to aid the integration of freight transport networks within southern Queensland and northern New South Wales.

Logan City Council has been made aware of and is supportive of these proposals that recognise the need for integrated transport linkages, both road and rail, to the Port of Brisbane and coastal shipping. But Council is also alarmed at the enormous pressures that would be placed on Logan City if these arterial links were not provided in a timely way.

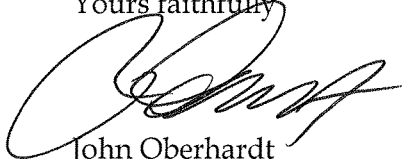
The purpose of this submission is then, to alert the Committee to the need to be aware of the pressures placed on local government which stand both to benefit from and be threatened by the enormous growth potential of South East Queensland, which depends in turn on the performance of coastal shipping.



Logan City lies in the path of industrial and residential growth to the south including Bromelton, Yarrabilba and Flagstone, which will generate enormous volumes of traffic heading to Brisbane City and the Port of Brisbane. It is critically important to Logan City that key infrastructure anticipated in the SEQ Infrastructure Plan and Program, such as the Gateway South Extension, the Southern Infrastructure Corridor and the Greenbank Passenger Rail be delivered in a timely way. The success of coastal shipping is equally reliant on these road and rail links. The Standing Committee is asked to add its weight to influence the timely construction of this critical infrastructure.

Council is grateful for the opportunity to make this brief submission to the Inquiry.

Yours faithfully



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