

To: [Committee, JSCNA \(REPS\)](#)
Subject: Submission on the future of Northern Australia.

Dear Sir/Madam,

To have a North Queensland that can be the food bowl of Australia we need to look at the following.

1. Insurance cost in the North is at present a great rip off, we live in the cyclone area we build to

Cyclone standards and pay cyclone Insurance. The South East builds to non cyclone standards

Don't pay cyclone Insurance and get Storms that cause damage and gat insurance payouts.

We have now been hit with compulsory flood insurance even if you are not in a flood area.

Where has our rights to have what type of insurance we want, why are we helping insurance

Companies recover from the floods in the South. These Insurance cost are putting the cost of

Living in the north out of the question.

2.The Burdekin water to Bowen is a must as there plenty of good land that could be cropped

To help not only feed Australia but export overseas. The Bradfield scheme needs to be put

back on the agenda.

3.More power needs to be generated here in the North as we rely too much on power from

the South.

4. More dams need to be built out in the west to provide water for irrigation and drinking water

For stock. Work needs to be done with the grazing Industry to stop overstocking their properties.

As we have seen in recent years in time of drought.

5. We need to look at provide assistance to overseas in the way of having cold storage in their

Country so we can provide slaughtered beef and not sending live cattle for them to kill. This will

Provide more jobs and stop the ill-treatment of our animals.

6. We need to provide more industries in the North if we are to move more immigrants to the

North, this could be by farming/ meat works and heavy industry.

We always provide untold money to foreign aid but struggle to provide funding for our own country.

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