

Committee Secretary  
Joint Select Committee on Northern Australia  
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Via email [jscna@aph.gov.au](mailto:jscna@aph.gov.au)

Dear Sir

Please find attached Townsville City's submission to the joint select committee on developing Northern Australia. The submission reflects the views of Townsville City Council, Townsville Chamber of Commerce, Townville Enterprise Limited, Townsville Airport and the Port of Townsville.

As global economic and strategic weight shifts to the Asian region, the Australian nation, its leaders and its people, have an opportunity to embrace change to become economically, environmentally and socially stronger. Whilst Northern Australia is geographically at the nation's forefront in the Asian region, it must now be positioned at the forefront of national development to deliver the lasting change needed for our nation to meet the opportunities and challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Development in North Queensland can only happen if three basic elements are delivered:

- a secure and reliable energy supply;
- a secure and reliable water supply; and
- exceptional education and employment opportunities for all our children.

We have raised these issues and a number of other matters which we believe can be addressed with innovation and courage through new approaches to policies, laws and regulations. Importantly, we view these solutions as fundamental steps to implementing change, not only in our regional communities but in the very shape and socio-economic structure of our nation.

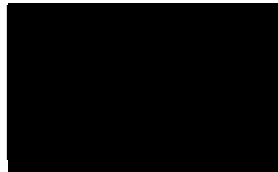
We thank the Australian Government for instituting this process and the complimentary white paper process. We trust that the renewed focus on Northern Australia will result in practical outcomes for all communities in Northern Australia.

We look forward to further consultation with the Joint Select Committee and welcome the opportunity to expand on our submission when the Committee visits Townsville.

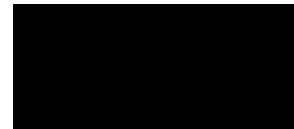
Yours sincerely,



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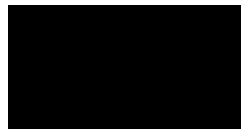
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