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Innisfail District Chamber of Commerce Industry & Tourism P O Box 727 Innisfail QLD 4860

Joint Select Committee on Northern Australia P O Box 6021 Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

Attn; Dr Bill Pender

Dear Sir,

Re; Northern Australia Development

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to the Joint Committee.

The Innisfail Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Tourism is fully supportive of the role of the Joint Committee to develop the potential of Northern Australia.

The Innisfail Chamber of Commerce has prepared a brief listing of items that the Chamber believes will, if implemented, significantly strengthen the Cassowary Coast region's economic base by creating a more diversified range of economic drivers that will in turn provide for a more resilient commercial environment which will enhance capacity and reduce the current dependence on the agricultural sector.

The attached list has deliberately been provided in a single point format to permit a one page summary of possible opportunities and projects. In some cases the nominated items are specific to the Cassowary Coast region and in other cases the items are more generic to the development of Northern Australia.

The Chamber would be happy to respond to any specific queries that the Joint Committee may have regarding any of the noted items.

The Chamber looks forward to the development of the Northern Australia and the potential for the nation as a whole.

Yours faithfully,

Rosalee Lankinen President