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Dear Mr Watling

Thank you for your email of 25 September 2014 about the Inquiry into the Infrastructure Australia Amendment (Cost Benefit Analysis and Other Measures) Bill 2014.

The Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDIP) supports the bill to amend the *Infrastructure Australia Act 2008* so that it becomes a function of Infrastructure Australia to conduct a cost benefit analysis of those infrastructure projects that are nationally significant and which also involve Australian Government funding of at least \$100 million.

The Amendment Bill aligns strongly with the Queensland Government's commitment to ensuring Queensland has the right infrastructure to drive the state's economic growth and social needs. As part of this commitment, the Queensland Government has recently launched the *InfrastructureQ Directions Statement*, which is the first step in defining a new approach towards planning, prioritising and delivering infrastructure in the future.

Yours sincerely

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