



15 September 2020

Mr Davendra Naidu
Director - Infrastructure Services
Fraser Coast Regional Coast
PO Box 1943
Hervey Bay Qld 4655

BY POST/EMAIL – enquiry@frasercoast.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Naidu

RE: Boundary Road Extension

The Urban Development Institute of Australia Queensland Fraser Coast Branch (the Institute) writes to the Fraser Coast Regional Council (council) in relation to Boundary Road Extension Project. We commend and congratulate council on reaching this milestone with construction set to commence in 2021.

We welcome council's engagement and consultation with the public and industry on this vital piece of infrastructure. Improving Hervey Bay's east-west road links is vital to meet the needs of our growing population and to manage traffic congestion.

The Institute supports the construction of this important link and recognises that it is vital in improving road connectivity through Hervey Bay; forming a secondary east-west link to Boat-Harbour Drive. The Boundary Road extension will provide access to Kawungan State School as well as connecting residential areas through to the other local schools/hospital at either end.

With the construction taking place in a new road corridor there is the opportunity to implement best practice walking and cycling facilities, as well as assistance to public transport. Encouraging a more active lifestyle is a desirable community outcome and an important objective of the state government. The Institute encourages council to take the opportunity with improved facilities in the corridor to demonstrate commitment to making the Fraser Coast one of the most liveable regions in Queensland.

We recommend council implement a separated cycle path such as in use in South Caloundra (Aura Residential Community) in conjunction with the Department of Transport and Main Roads. An independent active transport review could also be conducted on the proposed design to identify opportunities to implement best practice outcomes for our community.

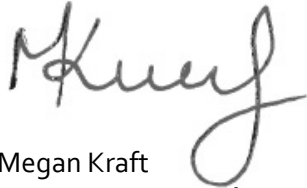
Thank you for the opportunity to provide our recommendation. The Institute provides these comments in the spirit of collaboration and our shared view to ensure the region achieve its liveability

status above surrounding regions. Active transport and accessibility to active transport infrastructure is an important aspect of this shared goal. We welcome further discussions on this and any other opportunities to promote active transport in the region.

If you have any questions, please contact Policy Executive, Robert Tily (rtily@udiaqld.com.au) on (07) 3229 1589.

Yours sincerely,

Urban Development Institute of Australia Queensland

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Megan Kraft', written in a cursive style.

Megan Kraft
Fraser Coast Branch President

CC:

Toni Souvlis

Coordinator Programming and Communication

Department Infrastructure Services

toni.souvlis@frasercoast.qld.gov.au