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Dear Project Team

**Subject: State Infrastructure Plan**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Queensland State Infrastructure Plan.

Master Builders welcomes the strategic, forward thinking approach taken by the Government in preparing this Plan. Providing the infrastructure our communities need is essential in ensuring that they continue to grow and thrive.

For the construction industry, infrastructure investment can stimulate much needed demand both directly and through its enabling effect. Planned investment can help smooth the damaging swings of chronic under and over-investment. In particular, it will help ease the significant implications for employment, steadying demand.

Master Builders welcomes the transparent and accountable system for identifying and prioritising key infrastructure provided in the Plan. For industry, this transparency is important to be better prepared to play its own part in delivering the infrastructure that our communities need.

In the interests of better planning we would welcome strong, clear and ongoing integration of infrastructure and land use planning. It is important that all stakeholders have the opportunity to understand, from the early stages, what is going to be developed and when, reducing the opportunity for conflict and unexpected intervention at the much later construction stage.

Infrastructure planning cannot only be about improving what we already have. The role of infrastructure as a catalyst for new communities and new opportunities needs to be brought to prominence. While government funding remains constrained, innovative infrastructure funding models must be actively pursued in order to unlock new investment and new opportunities.

Master Builders, therefore welcomes the greater emphasis on the role of market-led proposals, but also recommends the active pursuit of innovative funding models such as the UK City Deals model provided it is realised through a transparent and open process.

The construction industry stands ready to do its part in the delivery of the future infrastructure that Queensland needs and we look forward to the opportunity to continuing to work with you towards building stronger Queensland communities.

Regards,



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