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Mr Ken Diehm
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Dear Ken

Many cities and regions across Australia were envious of our being recipients of the Hinkler Regional Deal. To receive funding of this nature directly from the Federal Government does not come easily, and we commend Councillors for their strong vision and advocacy.

And now that the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts is no longer receiving applications for Cities Deals and there is no further allocation for this program given the constrained fiscal position the Australian Federal Government finds itself in.

The Hinkler Cities Deal has allowed multiple projects to be undertaken, all providing transformational benefits.

We write to support delivery in full of the Hervey Bay City Centre revitalisation, and as the key project, the Hervey Bay Library, Resilience Centre and Administration Building.

There is a clear and urgent need to respond to the abject inadequacies of the current administration and library buildings.

The Fraser Coast needs this development to go ahead, for both the services that will be provided from this facility, and also the additional private infrastructure and investment that will flow from a centralised workforce and revitalised City Centre.

This is a rare generational opportunity that our region has failed to grasp in the past.

Our region is growing, we believe our ratepayers understand costs pressures on construction, and support strongly infrastructure projects that ensure their services and quality of life is enhanced.

This is undoubtedly why the Fraser Coast Council does enjoy the support of the (at times) silent majority.

We would be greatly concerned if after already spending a significant amount of ratepayer money, these projects were not brought to completion with the attendant loss of confidence in our region to attract job creating investment.

In many years to come we expect the popularity of the vibrant City Centre anchored by this foundational project, will give Councillors cause to look back on this time served on the Fraser Coast Regional Council as contributing to make the Fraser Coast a better place to live.

Kind regards
Fraser Coast Property Industry Association

David Buckley
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