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Dear Cr Williams,

Thank you for your recent letters to the Premier on 8 November 2017 and Deputy Premier on 1 November 2017 outlining Redland City Council's election priorities for the 2017 state election. I am replying on behalf of the Palaszczuk Government and I am pleased to provide a response to each of the issues identified below.

North Stradbroke Island Economic Transition Strategy

In relation to the North Stradbroke Island Economic Transition Strategy the Palaszczuk Government has committed \$20 million to transition North Stradbroke Island's economy to a more sustainable and diverse industry base as sand mining is phased out.

This initial financial injection by the Palaszczuk Government aims to stimulate economic opportunities and facilitate stakeholder co-investment.

The long-term objective is to increase economic activity and employment in sectors where North Stradbroke Island already has a competitive advantage – tourism and education and training - and grow local businesses.

Government, council, the Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC) and Straddie Chamber of Commerce (SCoC) are delivering 23 projects.

A re-elected Palaszczuk Government will continue to closely monitor progress work with these local stakeholders to deliver all aspects of the strategy by 2019.

North Stradbroke Island public transport

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to ensuring public transport on North Stradbroke Island is accessible to visitors of the island and improves connectivity for residents.

As a part of the North Stradbroke Island Economic Transition Strategy, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) is working with the Redland City Council to deliver a public transport strategy for North Stradbroke Island. DTMR is currently undertaking a study to assess North Stradbroke Island's public transport needs. The study will evaluate the feasibility of improving the island's public transport network and services, infrastructure, and connections to the mainland.

Public consultation has commenced and there will be further opportunities for the public to share ideas on public transport improvements for North Stradbroke Island.



Eastern Transitway

The Palaszczuk Government will make it quicker and easier for Redlands commuters and motorists to get home, with the announcement of the \$22 million congestion-busting Eastern Transitway.

The project will extend the benefits of the Eastern Busway by providing Old Cleveland Road with bus priority measures to improve travel times. The Transitway will mean less time on the road and more time at home for Redlands commuters.

Rail track duplication

Track duplication between Manly and Cleveland is identified as a project in the State Infrastructure Plan. Planning is currently being undertaken to investigate required rail infrastructure on the Cleveland Line between Park Road and Cleveland.

Macleay island boat ramp

A re-elected Palaszczuk Government will also ensure the delivery of the new boat ramp at Macleay Island. The contract for this project was awarded in July 2017, with construction on the car park commencing in October, and boat ramp works planned for 2018.

Donald Simpson Community Centre

On 3 October 2017, the Palaszczuk Government announced the Donald Simpson Community Centre would receive a funding injection one-off grant of \$25,000 to help the centre with activities for local seniors.

Domestic violence accommodation

In relation to additional domestic violence crisis accommodation, both Minister Fentiman and Minister de Brenni have been in discussions with you about this important initiative. It is commendable that the Council has raised these funds to date. It is understood plans are underway to use those funds to increase accommodation through a local community organisation and this will be a priority following the election.

Koala Expert Panel report

A re-elected Palaszczuk Government will publicly release the final Koala Expert Panel report and implement its recommendations. The Palaszczuk Government is committed to ensuring viable and healthy koala populations in South East Queensland, and across the state. That's why we've invested an additional \$12.1 million over four years and ongoing funding of \$2.6 million per annum for koala conservation management. The funding will provide continued support for koala care and rehabilitation services, expanded population surveys and habitat mapping plus support the establishment of koala conservation precincts.

The Palaszczuk Government has enjoyed a productive working relationship with Redland City Council and a re-elected Palaszczuk Government looks forward to continuing this relationship for the benefit of the Redlands community.

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