



sustainability

innovation

community dividend

design excellence

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Dear Sir / Madam,

**Re: Submission on the Draft State Planning Policy**

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Draft State Planning Policy.

The '*Development and construction*' section of the '*Planning for economic growth*' state interest provides an informative summary of why development and construction is of interest to the State of Queensland. It is what is missing from the description that we raise as a concern and recommend changes.

### ***Why is Development and Construction of Interest to the State?***

We agree that the explanation under the heading "*Why is development and construction of interest to the state?*" is important in clearly explaining the economic importance of this sector of the economy. We are concerned, however, that it does not express the other key benefits that development and construction bring to the State, including the community benefits from a social and environmental perspective.

### ***What is YIMBY Qld***

YIMBY Qld (Yes In My Backyard Queensland) is about sharing accurate information about planning and development, showcasing good development outcomes and leading a positive conversation about the

benefits good development brings to our cities and towns. It's about supporting good development with positive submissions and advocating for better and more flexible development regulations that facilitate and inspire good development outcomes.

Our goal is to change the way people look at development, dispel the many urban myths around how development occurs, and ultimately to balance the conversation about development, all too often dominated by the negative NIMBY (Not In My Backyard) sentiment. Our current YIMBY Qld strategy document is attached to provide you with further information about the initiative.

*The YIMBY Qld message*

The benefits of development and construction extend well beyond the financial contribution that the sector makes to the Queensland economy through the delivery of employment, housing diversity and a thriving construction industry. In addition to economic benefits, good development outcomes impact positively on society and the environment by delivering either design excellence, sustainability, innovation or community dividend.

Good development delivers great things for our communities: Whether it be from new or enhanced public parks, plazas and other public spaces; housing affordability through increased supply; housing choice that provides for all stages of the lifecycle including the opportunity to age in place; minimising impact on the environment through reduced resource usage; delivering new cycling infrastructure; showcasing new technology; creating public art or encouraging healthy living through improved walkability.

Given the importance of the Draft State Planning Policy in helping the community of Queensland to understand the values of development and construction, we recommend that the social and environmental benefits of good development outcomes be included within the State Planning Policy document.

Thank you for your consideration of our submission. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries or wish to discuss any of these matters further.

Yours sincerely,



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