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21st of November, 2022

RE: Letter in support of the Moreton Bay Region becoming a City

To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing in support of the Moreton Bay Regional Council's application to become a city.

As president of the Redcliffe Peninsula Chamber of Commerce I believe we have a great insight into not just the business community but the community in general.

For far too long the Moreton Bay region has been seen as the area between Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast but never an area in its own right. This has led to under investment and a lack of focus. A direct example of this is the time it has taken for the area to have its own university. Only recently has the Sunshine Coast University established a campus at Petrie, and the growth in student numbers has been exponential, a reflection of the local demand. Why did it take so long, we believe simply because it wasn't recognised as needing it, and the funding was simply not there.

We recognise that the notion of Moreton Bay being a city may not fit the traditional idea of a city, however the polycentric nature of the area, having concentrations of activity in Strathpine, Caboolture, North Lakes and Redcliffe more than qualify us to become Moreton Bay City.

Moreton Bay Regional Council is currently the third largest in the Country, only behind Brisbane and the Gold Coast, is the fifth fastest growing area in the country and has a Gross Regional Product of 17.7 Billion Dollars. Council has ambitious plans through their REDS strategy to double the economy to \$40 Billion in the next 20 years with a corresponding population growth from 480,000 to 700,000.

At the Redcliffe Peninsula Chamber of Commerce we fully support the ambitions of the Moreton Bay Regional Council to become a city and believe this has been long overdue and deserved progression that will drive investment, jobs and economic growth.

Should you wish to discuss this letter further, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0402 208 755 or email president@redcliffepeninsulachamber.org.au. Or victor@spatialinnovation.com.au

Yours Sincerely



Victor Nicholls
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