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Mr Jonathan Coppel
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Productivity Commission

Via email: remotetax@pc.gov.au

Dear Mr Coppel

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Productivity Commission's Remote Area Tax Concession and Payments draft report.

Queensland is Australia's most decentralised state. Many families who live in remote and regional areas of Queensland simply do not have access to the same level of services and amenities as those that live in Australian cities.

Our state used to have a reputation as a low-taxing state, encouraging an entrepreneurial spirit where if people had a go and backed themselves, they could make a decent living and get ahead in life. This uniquely Queensland spirit was the driving force that drove regional economic development throughout our state.

Regrettably, under the anti-regions agenda of the Palaszczuk Labor Government regional business confidence has plummeted and economic development stalled. Since the last state election, the Palaszczuk Labor Government has introduced no less than 10 new or increased tax hikes taking \$3.5 billion from the pockets of Queenslanders.

The Queensland Liberal National Party opposes any measures that would further disadvantage regional Queenslanders. I therefore submit the Productivity Commission make no recommendation in the final report that would see Queenslanders who currently receive the remote area tax concession any worse off and ideally recommend increasing the concessions available to further support Queensland's remote and regional families.

If your office would like any additional information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Reith Parker, Policy Advisor, in my office

Yours sincerely

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