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Joint Select Committee Northern Australia
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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: GREEN PAPER ON DEVELOPING NORTHERN AUSTRALIA

The Town of Port Hedland (Town) welcomes the establishment of the Northern Australia Taskforce and thanks the Joint Select Committee on Northern Australia for the opportunity to provide a submission to the Green Paper on developing Northern Australia.

The Town previously made a submission to the Inquiry into the Development of Northern Australia, presented to the Joint Select Committee members when they came to Port Hedland on the 10th April 2014, and tabled with the Committee a brief presentation outlining the relevant issues pertinent to Port Hedland and the Pilbara Region. A copy of this correspondence and presentation is attached for your information.

The matters raised in the Towns previous submission and presentation to the Committee remains pertinent and are summarised below and are considered critical to the future growth and sustainability of Port Hedland.

- The Town's vision, in unison with the Pilbara Cities Vision, is to grow from a Town of approximately 20,000 persons to city of 50,000 people. To be "A nationally significant, friendly city, where people want to live and are proud to call home".
- Diverse and sustainable Economic Growth
 - Facilitating Port Growth - Inner and Outer Harbour development
 - Facilitating Pilbara Fabrication and Services Common Use Facility
 - Facilitating small and medium Enterprise Development (reduce cost of doing business in Port Hedland)
 - Facilitate development of a permanent local workforce (rather than such a major reliance on FIFO workforce)
 - Facilitate agriculture and aquaculture opportunities (potential "Food Bowl" for regional, national and global markets)
 - Establishment of Higher Educational, Vocational, training and research opportunities
 - Establishment of a Defence Presence in Port Hedland
 - Facilitating Tourism opportunities for the region

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- Facilitate land and building development
- Improving quality of life for residents
 - Reduce cost of living
 - Facilitate improvement of social and community Infrastructure
 - Facilitate improvement of Health Facilities (Hospitals, Medical Centres, Specialist Services, Allied Health)
 - Improve access to reduce cost of child care
 - Reduce cost of Air Travel
 - Affordable housing (Review programmes to reflect Pilbara context)
 - Access to greater choice of commercial and retail services
 - Improved Community Safety (increased Police presence and Community Education)
 - Access to Aged Care
- Strengthening Communities and Culture
 - Address remote community and infrastructure issues
 - Facilitate increased indigenous workforce participation
 - Address Family issues (Child protection, parenting education, youth crime)
 - Facilitate temporary town accommodation for visiting remote communities
 - Facilitate, encourage and promote indigenous art
- Building and Infrastructure Capacity
 - Funding of Major Projects – Port Hedland International Airport, Pilbara Fabrication and Services Common Use Facility.
 - Delivery Funding/Major Infrastructure – WA Regional Freight Network Plan, Utilities Infrastructure (Water, Sewer, Electricity, NWIS)
 - Delivery of National Broadband Network
 - Investment in renewable energy (Solar Power, Waste Recovery etc)
- Tax reform for the Pilbara/ Northern Australia
 - Tax incentives for individuals and Business Investment (significantly increase remote areas tax offset and review business tax)
 - Encourage Major Resource Projects
 - Tax Incentives for Development/Construction Industry (reduce current 60% premium)
 - Tax Incentives and Policy Reform to encourage Home Ownership
 - Encourage/Incentivize Trade and Relations with Pacific and Indian Ocean Nations
 - Foster a sustainable permanent community
 - Encourage Permanent Workforce instead of FIFO





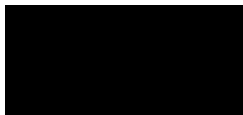
- Review FBT and LAHA
- Review Industry Shift Working Arrangements
- Preservation of the Natural Environment and Culture
 - Protection of sensitive eco-systems and marine ha [REDACTED]
 - Protection of European and Indigenous Heritage

With regards to the specific questions raised in the Green Paper, please see attached a summary discussion paper addressing the relevant points.

Thankyou for the opportunity to comment on matters relating to Northern Australia and look forward to reviewing the response raised in the Towns submission and those raised across the Northern Australia region.

The Town looks forward to the release of the White Paper and should you have any queries relating to any of the issues raised in our submission please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,



Eber Butron
Director Planning and Development
15 August 2014

Attachments

1. *Previous Submission*
2. *Presentation to Joint Select Committee*
3. *Discussion Paper – Response to Green Paper on Development of Northern Australia.*

