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Dear Councillor Chambers *Rachel*

Thank you for arranging our recent visit to the North Burnett region and for your follow-up letter of 4 August 2021.

The opportunity to meet you, other councillors and council senior executives was extremely useful in understanding the challenges the North Burnett Regional Council is facing and the steps being taken by the council to address them.

Please be assured that the Queensland Government is committed to working with councils right across the state to support strong and sustainable local governments and thriving local communities. Part of this work is the funding support provided by the Works for Queensland, COVID Works for Queensland and Local Government Grants & Subsidies Programs – funding which is supporting critical water, waste and transport infrastructure across Queensland.

It was good to have the opportunity to visit key sites in your community, such as the Biggenden Water Treatment Plant and the Mundubbera Waste Facility. I trust that the Queensland Government's funding support, including \$1.075m in funding for new water mains and \$500,000 in upgrade funding for the Mundubbera Waste Facility, have assisted with the maintenance of critical infrastructure in North Burnett.

I note your concerns about the condition of the Biggenden Water Treatment Plant, and I encourage your Council to apply for funding under the new round of the Building our Regions program, which, once opened, will provide \$70 million for priority water and sewerage projects.

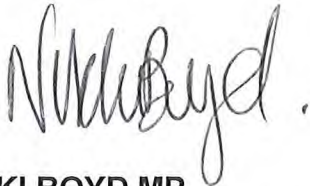
The North Burnett region is fertile ground for economic development, through industries such as agriculture, mining and food processing. As I discussed with you in person, your Council should feel welcome to take advantage of the numerous opportunities for economic development in North Burnett by continuing to apply for funding under Federal and State grant programs.

If you have not already done so, I also strongly encourage your Council to contact Ms Fiona Bowden, Regional Director Bundaberg Burnett, State Development, [Fiona.Bowden@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au](mailto:Fiona.Bowden@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au) or (07) 4331 5610 to discuss economic development opportunities in North Burnett.

I appreciate you taking the time to confirm your priorities for consideration by the Queensland Government and I look forward to working together into the future to support positive outcomes for the North Burnett region.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact the Chief of Staff, Ms Danielle Cohen, by email at [danielle.cohen@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:danielle.cohen@ministerial.qld.gov.au) or by telephone on (07) 3719 7100.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nikki Boyd'.

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