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The Commissioner
Australian Law Reform Commission
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GYMPIE REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Dear Commissioner,

Re: Letter of Support – Isaac Regional Council Submission to the Review of the Native Title Future Acts Regime

Gympie Regional Council wishes to express its strong support for the submission made by Isaac Regional Council to the Australian Law Reform Commission's Review of the Future Acts Regime under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*.

Isaac Regional Council's submission reflects the lived experience of local governments operating in regions where native title determinations intersect with significant economic, cultural, and environmental interests. Their insights into the procedural complexities and practical challenges of the proposed changes outlined in the review of future acts regime discussion paper 2025 are both timely and valuable, particularly in light of the ALRC's mandate to ensure the regime is appropriately designed for Australia's current and future development while respecting the rights of native title holders

We, as well as Isaac Regional Council, are eager to ensure ongoing constructive engagement with First Nations communities and its advocacy for a more balanced, transparent, and inclusive framework. We believe their recommendations will contribute meaningfully to the ALRC's consideration of reforms that promote Free, Prior and Informed Consent, equitable negotiation processes. But also ask that consideration be given to the effect any proposed changes would have on the 77 local government regions you have primary responsibility for land use regulation, as well as acting as trustee for substantial areas of State reserve land.



We appreciate the opportunity to support this important review and welcome continued collaboration between local governments, First Nations communities, and the Commonwealth in shaping a future acts regime that reflects shared values and responsibilities.

Yours sincerely,

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