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QELA, a not for profit organisation, consults with and educates interested professionals and government representatives about planning, development and environmental laws which apply, or are proposed to apply in Queensland. QELA provides a collegiate forum for multi-disciplinary interaction and collaboration.

Dear Deputy Premier

### **Submission about the Draft ShapingSEQ- South East Queensland Regional Plan**

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Thank you for the opportunity for the Queensland Environmental Law Association (**QELA**) to be involved in the industry workshops about the draft ShapingSEQ – South East Queensland Regional Plan (**Draft SEQ RP**), and for the opportunity to make a submission about the Draft SEQ RP.

QELA is a non-profit, multi-disciplinary association. Its members include lawyers, town planners, and a broad range of consultants who represent and advise a miscellany of participants in the development industry.

Due to QELA's diverse membership, QELA does not take a position on areas of policy where its membership base may have divergent views. QELA's members do however have a common interest in a clear, efficient and well functioning planning and development system.

On this basis, QELA raises the following issues about the Draft SEQ RP:

1. QELA is concerned about the definition and mapping of 'Greenfield development' and 'existing urban area' (page 36). Greenfield development is defined as 'development occurring on land outside the existing urban area'. 'Existing urban area' is defined as a statistical boundary. Both terms have a commonly accepted meaning relating to the actual state of the relevant land which is significantly different to the way in which those terms are used in the Draft SEQ RP.
2. QELA is concerned that a new approach to regional activity centres hierarchy is proposed to occur after the release of the final SEQ RP (page 124). QELA is concerned that changes to the regional activity centres in the SEQ RP will have consequential impacts for land use and infrastructure planning. QELA

is supportive of best practice planning and is concerned that finalising the Draft SEQ RP while the significant issue of centres is not yet resolved is not best practice planning.

3. QEA supports concerns raised by the agricultural sector relating to the need to manage development and agricultural uses to minimise interface conflicts and reverse amenity impacts.

We thank you for the opportunity to make a submission about the Draft SEQ RP. We would welcome the opportunity to assist your Department further, if required.

Yours sincerely



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