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Delivering economic prosperity to the Wide Bay Burnett

The united voices of the Wide Bay Burnett Regional Organisation of Councils and Bundaberg Regional Council today called on Federal and State Governments to join them to deliver a number of strategic infrastructure investments that will deliver economic prosperity to the Wide Bay Burnett region.

“WBBROC has consistently advocated that the Wide Bay Burnett is well positioned to capitalise on a number of global megatrends, trends that if leveraged through greater infrastructure investment will release inter-generational economic benefits for the region. This report clearly details how to unlock this potential”, Cr Curran, Chair, Wide Bay Burnett Regional Organisation of Councils (WBBROC) and Mayor, Gympie Regional Council commented.

“The future economic prosperity of the Wide Bay Burnett relies on aligning the region’s comparative advantages with national and global demand. In industries where the region can produce, make or offer services others want, is where the Wide Bay Burnett’s best opportunities for economic prosperity will be delivered,” Cr Curran reinforced.

“Tapping into the economic potential locked away in the region’s natural resources, its tourism sector and port infrastructure the economic potential will unleash the potential that will be critical in securing economic prosperity for the region,” Cr Jack Dempsey, Mayor, Bundaberg Regional Council said.

“This report details that by 2035 for \$2.696 billion of targeted infrastructure investment across 12 identified projects, \$6.05 billion in additional economic activity could be achieved for the Wide Bay Burnett resulting in some 24,735 additional full-time equivalent jobs and 5.8% increase in gross regional product.”

Port of Bundaberg Manager Jason Pascoe says Gladstone Ports Corporation supports the drive towards building further economic prosperity for the region.

“The Gladstone Ports Corporation believes that the Port of Bundaberg can play an important role in the future prosperity of the Wide Bay Burnett region and the State of Queensland and welcomes the release of this report,” Mr Pascoe said.

“The strategic placement of the Port outside the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Area, in addition to its increasing trade prospects, puts the Port of Bundaberg in a strong position to secure investment in key infrastructure that will further strengthen opportunities for the region.”

Copies of the report can be obtained online at:

http://www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au/files/BRC_Building_the_Future_Trade_Potential_WEB.pdf

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