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Dear Alex

### **Submission – Aquaculture Regulation in Queensland Draft Report**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission on the Draft Report about Aquaculture Regulation in Queensland. Cairns Regional Council has undertaken a review of the draft report and provide the following comments.

- Support is given to having an efficient and effective system that affords aquaculture activities the lowest level of regulation practicable;
- To support this notion, further work could be done to identify suitable aquaculture sites in the Cairns Region. The proposed preferred areas reflect areas where Council has already acknowledged aquaculture may be appropriate (i.e. rural zoned land). In Council's draft planning scheme aquaculture development is code assessable in the rural zone. Aquaculture may also be suitable in industry areas close to estuarine waters;
- The report and associated mapping should identify and provide further guidance on the appropriate integration of other important considerations such as:
  - avoiding the fragmentation of rural land;
  - minimising of adverse off site impacts;
  - avoiding conflicts with surrounding land uses; and
  - access to infrastructure networks

Should you have any further enquiries or require additional information, please contact Council's Acting Manager Strategic Planning & Economic Development, Paul Cohen, on the above phone number.

Yours sincerely

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