

# ***From the Office of the Mayor***

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## **Message from the Mayor regarding CQ Inland Port**

The Central Highlands Region continues to grow in prominence as one of the most reliable and diverse food production areas in Queensland and the Nation.

Over the last 125 years, agriculture in many forms, from broadacre cropping to intensive horticulture has progressively and exponentially increased its contribution to local prosperity and national income through export earnings.

However competing in a global marketplace and staying competitive has us constantly striving to keep our quality products in the freshest and most premium condition and our freight costs must be kept to a minimum. A key principle of effective supply chain management is the aggregation of goods and commodities to achieve critical mass which provides economies of scale to reduce freight costs and improve supply chain performance.

Supported by the Queensland Government, the CQ Inland Port, as part of the Yamala Special Industry Area, offers the perfect interface of road to rail in a seamless manner. Positioned at a central location, it is considered to be of strategic regional importance to the efficient movement of freight within the State of Queensland, offering the agricultural industry space to value add in a customised environment, minimise handling costs and improve commercial returns.

On behalf of the Central Highlands we recommend your interest and investment at this important intermodal precinct and look forward to the benefits that agriculture and industry in a fit for purpose location can bring to manufacturing, freight and other rural businesses and to the jobs that will flow to our communities.



**Councillor Kerry Hayes**  
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