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Dear Ms Pennisi *Liana*

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me and arranging the visit to the Intermodal Activity Precinct during my recent visit to Emerald.

I appreciated the opportunity to discuss the challenges and opportunities for agricultural development with Councillor Megan Daniels, Mr Alan Stent-Smith and Mr Martin Laffer.

The Intermodal project is a good example of Government working with industry to develop more efficient and resilient supply chains. Please pass on my thanks to Mr Alan Stent-Smith for taking the time to show us his vision for the project.

Central Highlands Regional Council is to be congratulated for the proactive approach it has taken to agricultural development in the region. I appreciated the briefing provided by Councillor Daniels on these projects which also demonstrates the positive approach council is taking.

Please also pass on my thanks to Mr Martin Laffer for taking the time to brief me on his plans to develop oil seed and grain processing.

I am interested in the progress being made by Arcadian and can see the value-add in such a rich beef and broad-acre cropping region.

Central Highlands Development Corporation obviously plays a vital role as the lead economic development agency in the region. I congratulate you and look forward to the next stages of development on each of these key projects in the region. Please pass on my gratitude to all involved in this very informative visit.

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If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact Mr Paul Walmsley, Regional Director, Central Region, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries on telephone 07 4923 6228 or email paul.walmsley@daf.qld.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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The Honourable Leanne Donaldson MP
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