

Media Statement

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CAPRICORN HIGHWAY EMERALD QLD

Premier freight site unveiled

The CQ Inland Port site at Yamala, about 25km east of Emerald, has been one of the key development opportunities discussed today at the CHDC Investing in Our Futures Conference 2016.

CQ Inland Port proponent Mr Alan Stent-Smith outlined progress to over 20 people who attended an on site briefing.

Mr Stent-Smith said “With over 240 hectares already approved to include an intermodal road/rail facility, state of the art grain terminal, and over 40 opportunities for industry to set up at a flood free, well buffered site, the Inland Port is integral to the Central Highlands future.

“I see the growth potential for this region covering horticulture, agriculture, and resources.

“Central Queensland is the location that can make the most of these opportunities with everything necessary to build and grow the region,” he said.

“These include improving infrastructure, a skilled workforce, good soil, innovative agricultural culture and practices and manufacturing expertise.”

Mr Stent Smith is a grazier who is currently like many, in the midst of the chickpea harvest – crying out for efficient bulk rail facilities in addition to the ability to containerise commodities when required.

With developing Asia forecast to contribute 60% of future world growth and our proximity to these growth nations and the unmet global demand for protein, there are so many opportunities for the Central Queensland region.

Mr Stent Smith congratulated the Central Highlands Regional Council and the Central Highlands Development Corporation on a very successful conference setting the development goals for the future.



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