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The Honourable Stephen Smith MP
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Thank you for your letter of 25 August 2011 inviting a submission to the Australian Defence Force (ADF) Force Posture Review (the review).

Given the rapidly changing nature of Australia's strategic and security environment, an assessment of whether the ADF is correctly positioned to meet strategic and security challenges is timely and is welcomed by the Queensland Government.

Please find attached the Queensland Government submission to the review, accompanied by documents that will assist in understanding relevant planning and infrastructure developments in Queensland. These include the Queensland Regionalisation Strategy, Queensland Infrastructure Plan, Bruce Highway Upgrade Strategy, Cairns' Economic Future, and Townsville Futures Plan. As our submission suggests, Queensland provides an environment that can ably support the ADF's strategic and operational requirements into the future.

We look forward to working with the Department of Defence during the review and to this end would welcome further discussion about the matters raised in our submission. The Queensland Government contact is Mr David Belham, Manager, Defence Strategy, in the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation. Mr Belham can be contacted by email at David.Belham@deedi.qld.gov.au or on telephone (07) 3224 7537.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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