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Dear Mr Malaponte

Fixing Labor's Unworkable Reef Regulations

The LNP has an ambitious plan to stimulate the economy, create a decade of secure jobs and drag Queensland out of this recession.

Our vision is to make Queensland the economic powerhouse of Australia once again, the best place to get a job, get ahead and raise a family.

The LNP's plan will get Queensland working again.

Our plan for a stronger economy and secure jobs is based on four foundations:

- investing for growth
- unleashing Queensland industry
- supercharging the regions
- securing our children's future

Our plan includes a no-new-tax guarantee to give all businesses the confidence to invest and create jobs.

A Deb Frecklington LNP Government will also build the drought-busting New Bradfield Scheme, back new dam projects across Queensland and cut the price of water for SunWater irrigators by almost 20%, ensuring it is affordable for farmers to use.

The LNP fully supports Queensland farmers and we are determined to unlock the state's agricultural potential, to supercharge our regions and create jobs.

We believe it's important to strike the right balance when it comes the state's reef regulations and their impact on farmers.

The LNP have fought against Labor's unworkable reef laws since they were introduced last year and have always stated that these laws will hurt our farming communities without improving environmental outcomes.

Labor's reef regulations do not strike a balance between preserving the environment and protecting local jobs.

Instead, Labor's laws hand over power to unelected bureaucrats and tie farmers up in unworkable red and green tape.

That's why the LNP voted against the unfair laws in Parliament at the time.

That's why we moved a disallowance motion to strike the regulations down earlier this year.

The LNP believes governments should work alongside farmers and farming communities, instead of forcing unworkable laws on them like Labor has.

The LNP has stood shoulder to shoulder with Queensland farmers against these laws.

You have my commitment that an incoming LNP Government will work with the agricultural sector and environmental groups to develop new environmental reef standards which will be enshrined in legislation.

The principles of our approach will be:

- Improving water quality standards to protect the Great Barrier Reef
- Protecting and securing our valuable agricultural sector
- Legislating minimum standards
- Respecting property rights
- Incentivising best practices

The LNP can guarantee farmers that a Deb Frecklington LNP Government will fix unfair draconian components of Labor's current reef laws.

The LNP will ensure that changes to regulations will provide certainty, respect privacy and rely on sound agronomic science.

We need a partnership to build a sustainable agricultural industry and protect Queensland's greatest natural asset, the Great Barrier Reef.

Yours sincerely



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