**COUNCIL for QUEENSLAND’s REGIONS**

Charter and Purpose (For ratification at inaugural meeting)

**Overview**

The Queensland Futures Institute (QFI) has established the Council for Queensland’s Regions to accelerate State growth by uniting leaders to promote increased investment in Queensland’s regions.

The Council for Queensland’s Regions is a cross-sector CEO-level forum that brings a commercial, investment-focused approach to regional growth. It is uniquely positioned to function independently alongside government processes and industry advocacy activities.

**Key Goal**

**To promote increased private and public sector investment in Queensland’s regions.**

**Purpose**

1. Provide a platform for business, industry, regional leaders, regional investors and other stakeholders, to discuss and promote shared challenges and opportunities.
2. Position Queensland’s regions as priority destinations for capital and long-term investment.
3. Advocate for policies and strategies that encourage regional investment and development.
4. Increase public and industry understanding of the important role that regional investment has in the State’s economic growth.
5. Showcase member leadership through investment showcases and high-level forums.
6. Facilitate collaboration between private and public sectors to drive investment.

**Administration**

* The **Council** is a decision-making body advising the QFI, with executive-level alternates permitted
* An action-focused **Taskforce** implements Council decisions. Representation is typically a corporate/external affairs executive with intra-organisational reach.
* Two meetings of the Council and Taskforce are to be held annually – one hosted regionally, and one hosted in Brisbane.
* Additional Taskforce meetings are to be held as needed to drive Council initiatives.
* The **Chair** and other office-holder positions are to be drawn from Queensland headquartered organisations.
* An annual **State of Queensland’s Regions Summit** is to be held to highlight investment opportunities, profile member contributions, and deliver strategic insights.
* Being auspiced by the QFI, administrative and coordination support will be included within the QFI’s membership fee, noting that QFI membership is a prerequisite for Council participation.