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Our current conference- like centres, or larger spaces that enable a larger conference or event are outdated and inadequate, and mostly unsuitable. Such a space would be a major draw card for the region.

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Candidate Position/Response

This is a major part of my policy platform, and has been for the past few years. The regions have particular needs and our infrastructure is often inadequate or lacking altogether. Being a safe regional seat makes the issues more urgent.

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The Queensland Government has their sustainability loans which is on the right track, except the issue is more important than a loan. Our future in the regions depends on adequate recognition and funding to mitigate the factors that threaten the very existence of our regional agriculture. Climate change, invasive pests and other species are all real threats, and the funding must happen now.

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The write- off legislation has been incredibly helpful for our own small business, and an increase would continue to make a huge difference, especially with the increasing costs of goods.

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I beleive that the area is very overlooked by the major parties, due to safe seats being mostly regional. Long term economic plans are essential yet often neglected within the three year electoral term. We need more than the reactionary measures that happen when disasters strike, we need the recognition of the value of our regions to the national economy.

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Again, high on my list. Having managed a local construction business for the past 25 years, I understand this issue more than most. Its time to stop the deflection and excuses. Its a multi level government issue that must be addressed.

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There are a multitude of failures with the inland rail, that have plagued it from conception. I have little doubt that increased advocacy and determination, with federal support, would make a vast difference with the QLD issues and allow it be built.

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The reasons that I am running. There is no reason that this type of infrastructure is not available for our region, except that we have voted the same way for 125 years and receive significantly less funds than marginal seats. It is statistically proven and its time to vote for change.

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I have a HAPPI housing plan that incorporates these initiatives. I released it 3 years ago, worked on it, and I am happy to share a detailed description of the plan with members.