

Dear Deputy Premier

I am writing to convey the appreciation of the Council for your welcome support with the provision of State Government funding for entry signage to NSW at Tweed Heads following your announcement on site on 24 October. Council has noted some negative publicity around the launch event that might have detracted from its significance. This related to the Council's position on the coal seam gas industry of which I am sure you would be aware. It is regrettable that this issue, which has been separately dealt with in other forums, was allowed to get in the way of what was a great example of the positive engagement we have enjoyed with the NSW Government over recent times.

The Council places a high value on our relationship with your Government and we wish to also acknowledge the work of our two local State members for Tweed and Lismore for their support and advocacy. They are the conduit between our levels of Government and play an important role in Council's capacity to deliver good outcomes for our residents. Council seeks to retain a continuing strong partnership with the State Government and the Council looks forward to welcoming you again when you next visit the Tweed.

Kind regards

Cr Gary Bagnall
Mayor