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### **LETTER TO EDITOR: BUNDABERG NEWSMAIL**

Dear Editor

As promised, Fox Resources has established a Bundaberg Regional Reference Group (RRG) to provide direct, local input to minimise impacts and maximise opportunities for the region.

The RRG is modelled on the group guiding the Government-owned Powerlink's development of the CopperString electricity transmission project in north and north-west Queensland.

For Fox Resources, the RRG further demonstrates our commitment to work with local stakeholders through the Mineral Development Licence (MDL) decision-making process.

In terms of an MDL, it is important to understand it does not permit a mine. As the respected former Resources Minister Dr Anthony Lynham stated in a letter to State Parliament of the Fox Resources' MDL:

*"An MDL is not a mine and does not provide any rights to mine. What an MDL is allow activities relating to mineral exploration and development such as exploration and development such as: explorative drilling, seismic surveys, mining feasibility studies, metallurgical testing, marketing, and environmental engineering and design studies...The granting of an MDL allows for continuation of those activities and does not provide additional rights once approved."*

I welcome Member for Burnett Stephen Bennett's very constructive comments (NewsMail, 29 February 2024) that: "I look forward to hearing the outcomes, advice and feedback from this reference group."

On two occasions, I wrote to Mr Bennett, Member for Bundaberg Tom Smith, the Resources Minister Scott Stewart, the then Shadow Resources Minister Pat Weir and Bundaberg Mayor Jack Dempsey to commit to establishing the RRG and requesting their input into the RRG's membership and terms of reference.

Fox Resources looks forward to continuing to work with local stakeholders.

Yours sincerely

Bruce Garlick, Executive Director, Fox Resources

## **About Fox Resources**

Fox Resources is an Australian exploration company currently advancing the development of an underground, steel-making coal mine north-west of Bundaberg, Queensland.

The company has a strong focus on engaging with the local community, minimising any environmental impacts and maximising local economic benefits, including around 200 valuable new jobs, 20 new apprenticeships and an estimated \$45 million per year in economic benefits for local suppliers of services and materials.

The proposed mine is currently at the exploration stage, with Fox conducting all activities in accordance with Queensland Government regulations.

Fox recognises the importance of protecting the region's key agricultural and other industries, with no impact on the aquifer used for local water consumption and agricultural use.

Fox welcomes feedback from the local community in ensuring the best possible outcomes from the proposed resources development, with the company having established a Bundaberg Regional Reference Group to foster ongoing community feedback.

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