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MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE
Office of the Hon Darren Chester MP

PDR: **ML17-006685**

Due at MPS:

27 / 09 / 2017

OFFICE ADVICE

TIMEFRAME

- ☐ Standard (10 days)
☐ Urgent (5 days)
☐ Other:

ACTION

Reply:

- ☐ Minister
☐ Chief of Staff
☐ Department

Refer:

- ☐ State / territory Minister (Chief of Staff reply):
☐ Commonwealth Minister (MPS reply):

Other:

- ☐ Brief
☐ Department to determine appropriate action
☒ File – for information only
☐ Standard words

COMMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS

RECEIVED MPS
13 SEP 2017

Adviser: **MH**

Date: **13 / 9** / 2017

☐ Call DLO to discuss

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION

Referred to adviser

AW	MH	BFC
MD	BC	BS
JT	NH	JL

Date referred: **12 / 9** / 2017

DLO: **GB** CR

Referred to division

A&A	LG&T	STP
Corp	OTS	WSU
II	P&R	IRU

☐ Please seek input from other division/agency:

Other information

- ☐ Referred from:
☐ Relates to PDMS item/s:

S22

From: McVeigh, John (MP) <John.McVeigh.MP@aph.gov.au>
Sent: Sunday, 10 September 2017 4:02 PM
To: S47F
Cc: Minister Chester; S22 (J. McVeigh, MP)
Subject: Re: Inland Rail Line - Umbiram

Thank you S47F and S47F for your email - its much appreciated.

I note that you have cc'd the Minister in on your message but I certainly will continue to discuss the benefits of Inland Rail with him, at the same time as stressing the potential economic, environmental and social impacts the alternative corridor options across the Darling Downs that he must consider.

I will also emphasise to him your view, which I note is shared by many others, that a corridor decision should be finalised as soon as possible.

Best regards,

John

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On 9 Sep. 2017, at 4:27 pm, S47F <S47F@bigpond.com> wrote:

S47F
Section 22

[Redacted content]

S22

From: McVeigh, John (MP) <John.McVeigh.MP@aph.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 21 September 2017 7:44 AM
To: S47F Minister Chester
Subject: RE: Proposed inland rail route

Good morning S47F

Thank you for your email.

The Melbourne to Brisbane Inland Rail project has been discussed for well over 100 years. During the last decade investigations under successive federal governments have ramped up and over the last twelve months, detailed consideration of four potential corridors across the Darling Downs has been under taken. This has involved a Project Reference Group with local community membership, range of public meetings and comprehensive media coverage.

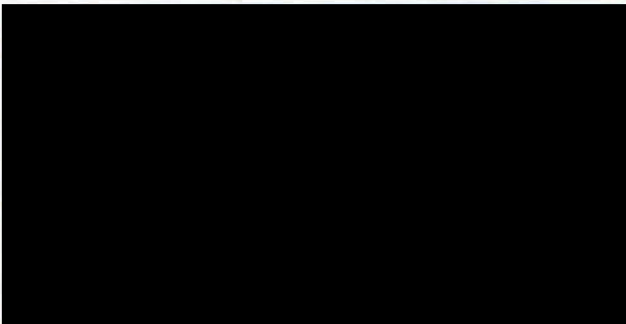
I am not aware of there having ever been any specific plan whatsoever for a direct link to Beef City.

As outlined in today's Chronicle newspaper, Minister Darren Chester will announce the preferred corridor as being via the Millmerran, Pittsworth, Wellcamp and Charlton areas. Please see the link below. This corridor does not include the Purrawunda area.

<https://www.thechronicle.com.au/news/final-leg-inland-rail-route-announced-toowoomba/3226255/>

Best regards,

John



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Subject: Proposed inland rail route

