



22 May 2007

**Mr Bob Longland**  
**Chairman**  
**Local Government Reform Commission**  
PO Box 16325  
City East, Queensland, 4002

Dear Mr Longland

**RE: Central Highlands Councils – What's Best for Community**

The Central Highlands Development Corporation Limited (CHDC), inclusive of the Central Highlands Regional Organisation of Councils (CHROC) wish to formally lodge our suggestions via the attached submission to the Local Government Reform Commission.

We offer two recommendations to the Commission for serious consideration.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The individual Councils' preferred positions are to stand alone and not amalgamate and continue with joint arrangements and resource sharing.

Individual Councils of the CHDC/CHROC believe they best serve their communities as Individual Councils with their existing complementary regional and sub-regional group arrangements.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Accelerate the regional governance, resource sharing and cooperation initiatives CHDC/CHROC has embarked on – this will offer true reform of a sustainable nature.

Mr Longland, CHDC/CHROC is highly motivated to deliver effective outcomes for the Central Highlands. It is because of this motivation that we offer our extended interest in supporting our submission, should the Commission, Minister for Local Government or the Premier require further discussion.

Yours sincerely

**Cr Peter Maguire**  
**CHAIRMAN**

