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Honourable David Littleproud MP
Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources
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Dear Mr Littleproud

It has come to my attention that the Honourable Scott Morrison, Prime Minister of Australia, has today committed Commonwealth funding of more than \$220 million for a number of water infrastructure projects in North Queensland, including Hughenden Irrigation Scheme, Hells Gate Dam stage 1, Big Rocks Weir.

In a letter to Honourable Bob Katter MP the Commonwealth Government has committed to provide funding for these projects for all necessary regulatory, compliance, pre-construction and capital works.

While the Queensland State Government welcomes any proposed investment in Queensland I am keen to seek further information.

To enable the Queensland Government to understand any action you may wish from our agencies or statutory bodies, could you please provide further information on the following

- the nature or scope of these projects, including the bases of the costings outlined in the Prime Minister's letter
- the process to advance these projects, including detailed business cases and appropriate environmental assessments
- advice on the due diligence completed regarding available water resources for the proposed projects.
- the intended proponents for these proposed projects,
- the proposed distribution and management of the capital funds, and what if any role are you proposing for the Queensland Government in these matters,
- who will be responsible for operating these assets and carrying their associated costs.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Simon Zanatta, Chief of Staff on 3719 7360.

Yours sincerely

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