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Stacey Rawlings
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Dear Ms Rawlings

Thank you for your email of 31 October regarding the engineering profession and the upcoming State election. Apologies for the delay in responding, but it is a very busy time.

I believe the engineering profession plays an important role in the economy of Queensland. As a State subject to the extremes of weather and Nature's destructive forces, having sound built environment standards is paramount.

I also consider the professional approach as espoused by your organisation something other professions should emulate.

Should One Nation be successful at the upcoming State election and be in a position to influence Government decisions, we will:

- Commit to continuing the State Planning Policy framework and long term planning, giving certainty to the construction industry
- Commit to improving the relationship with Infrastructure Australia and to preparing sound business cases for Queensland initiatives
- Encourage novel approaches to funding public infrastructure including Public Private Partnerships
- Commit to regional infrastructure including that for energy, water security and transport
- Explore the concept of a Chief Engineer and what that functional role could entail-my preference would be for a more hands-on advisory model, but I would be willing to explore options.
- Drive down energy costs, commit to a new coal fired generator in North Queensland and engage with the Federal Government on the National Electricity Market
- Encourage the federal Chief Scientist's push to increase Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) participation in schools and fund the early involvement of late year high school students in first year STEM subjects in Universities, particularly in regional Queensland. This to be by scholarships to students and modest grants to regional universities, moderated through Education Queensland.
- Re-establish the State Government's capability in water management and water resources
- Commit to a comprehensive water security infrastructure programme and support the Commonwealth in building additional capacity in the Burdekin, Galilee and Bowen Basins and the Fitzroy
- Resolve the inter-Departmental and inter-Governmental responsibility for flood plain management, emergent extreme events and monitoring
- Consider the concept of a Government registration of engineers and associated allied professions. This will need further work on logistics, costs and how it may work legislatively.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely

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