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The Honourable Dan Tehan MP
Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment
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Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister *Dan*

I note with interest the development of the Singapore-Australia Green Economy Agreement (Agreement) that has recently been released for consultation. Brisbane offers the perfect platform for detailed dialogue and tangible outcomes on the ground that can achieve the objectives of the Agreement.

For many years, Brisbane has admired Singapore's progressive approach and has conducted business missions to the area. In addition, Singapore has strongly supported Council's Asia Pacific Cities Summit & Mayors' Forum (APCS), the premier summit of its type, both in Brisbane and in other host cities. Council has worked closely with the World Cities Summit and Liu Thai Ker has played a key role in past APCS'. This places Brisbane in a unique position to leverage and capitalise on this important Agreement.

Brisbane and Singapore share similar visions. Brisbane City Council is committed to a cleaner, greener and more sustainable city which is outlined in *Brisbane Clean Green Sustainable 2017-2031*. As a result, Council:

- is the first certified government organisation in Australia to be carbon neutral
- invests in renewable energy for Council operations
- participates in and partners with research and education initiatives to progress water smart behaviour, innovation, science and technology
- invests in smart metering and stormwater harvesting initiatives to help reduce water use and to help reduce water use for Council's large water consuming sites
- provides public education and investment through the Brisbane Sustainability Agency, a wholly owned Council subsidiary
- has a strong focus on blue and green building and infrastructure practices to transform our city.

As part of hosting the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Brisbane is committed to delivering both Games as carbon positive events. Brisbane is looking to leverage this commitment and use it to deliver long-term sustainable competitive advantage for our city and the broader region.

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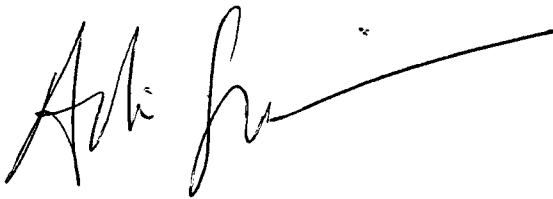
There are two areas of cooperation that Brisbane would like to pursue under the agreement. Firstly, there is significant potential for sharing best practice in government policy for driving planning and sustainability outcomes. Potential areas for cooperation include delivering green buildings, reducing the carbon footprint of businesses and supply chains, and enhancing public and private sector built outcomes to drive sustainability and greener urban landscapes.

Secondly, there are significant opportunities to accelerate trade and economic development. Potential areas for cooperation include trade in green technologies and solutions, research partnerships, international education, tender opportunities and investment in carbon offset schemes.

As the largest local government authority in Australia, Brisbane City Council is in a unique position to influence sustainability and economic outcomes not only in Brisbane but in the region, the state and the nation. We would welcome the opportunity to work with your government on achieving the outcomes of the Agreement.

Should your office require further information, please contact Mrs Nicole Andronicus, Director of International Relations and Multicultural Affairs, on (07) 3178 0146 or by email at nicole.andronicus@brisbane.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adrian Schrunner', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Adrian Schrunner
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