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COUNCIL WELCOMES CONFIRMATION OF GAS PIPELINE FOR BUNDABERG REGION

20 Mar 2015
Mayor of the Bundaberg region, Cr Mal Forman has welcomed today's announcement by the Queensland Government that it will honour a commitment to fund the development of a 26km gas pipeline from west Bundaberg to the Port of Bundaberg.

Mayor Forman said the Bundaberg Regional Council had been working in partnership with the new State Government to ensure the construction of the Bundaberg Port Gas Pipeline.

"Our Council has been working hard behind the scenes for many months to successfully negotiate the development of the gas pipeline and I applaud the Member for Bundaberg, Leanne Donaldson, and her state government colleagues for recognising the importance of this infrastructure to the Bundaberg region," Mayor Forman said.

"Today's announcement provides certainty to our region. A gas pipeline is critical in enabling economic infrastructure, growth and employment opportunities. It will act as a catalyst for commercial development and secure the establishment of a \$70 million Knauf plasterboard factory, which was contingent on the ability to access natural gas.

"The economic benefits that will flow into the region as a result of pipeline and the Knauf project will be enormous and felt throughout central Queensland.

"Council's independently commissioned economic impact statement shows that the Knauf project will create around 120 direct full time jobs with an additional 645 positions supported through the establishment of industries interwoven with Knauf and the broader economic flow-on effect.

"Through this factory's direct output and the known flow-on effects generated from associated industries, the net annual economic impact is estimated at \$195 million.

"A development of this size will enhance business confidence. It will not only bring jobs to the region but bring forward significant investment in upgraded roads, water and waste water infrastructure, which will help our local communities to grow and attract more business to regional Queensland.

"Furthermore, today's announcement offers hope. The development of a gas pipeline opens the door to immediate job creation in a region desperate for economic change and employment opportunities".

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