

**Mayoral Statement**  
**7<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

**On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Premier for Queensland Anna Bligh visited Gladstone for a Curtis Island launch of the GLNG Construction Commencement.**

**Prime Minister Gillard had a twenty meeting with Deputy Mayor Cr Burnett, Director of Community Services Cale Dendle, Manager Projects Coordinator Fred de Waard and me. The areas discussed were: the Bruce Highway; Calliope Crossroads Construction Time Frame; Building Better Regional Cities and Regional Development Australia Fund Programmes; Gladstone Hospital; and changes to FBT legislation - accommodation supplements; and the possibility of a direct contact to her office to discuss matters of importance.**

**Yesterday we received a follow-up email with information on these matters. We now have a direct contact within the Hon. Simon Crean MP's department; a copy of the six year construction forecast for the Bruce Highway for \$2.8 billion; she notes the discussion on Kin Kora Roundabout, and suggests contact with Hon. Anthony Albanese MP; if we wish to seek further consideration of FBT matters we can consider writing to the Hon. Bill Shorten MP, Assistant Treasurer; and there were suggestions for funding possibilities for housing.**