



Minister for Tourism Industry Development and Innovation and Minister for Sport

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Dear Mr McKinley

Thank you for your letter of 3 March 2021 regarding acknowledgement of the goPassport Technology developed by your team during COVID-19 and the emergence of the TravBio Tech sector. I appreciated our very brief discussion of the goPassport when we met at the JCU Ideas Lab in December.

I understand you recently visited Brisbane and met with the Honourable Michael Healy MP, Assistant Minister for Tourism and Mr Alex Dickson, Innovation Advisor from my office regarding the latest goPassport capability and potential partnerships update.

It is encouraging to hear of the advancements in your technology since we met in December 2020 when you were embarking on the development of the prototype for demonstration to business and industry. I commend your team for their commitment in raising awareness of goPassport technology and engaging both government and industry to inform them about its capability to provide a wholistic solution for risk management and border control compliance to help enable the opening of international borders.

Conditional on Queensland Health approval and the technology abiding by relevant data, privacy and health information laws, the Palaszczuk Government recognises the application of goPassport in assisting international visitors coming to Australia.

Over the past 20 years the Queensland Government has been assisting individuals and businesses turn bright ideas into real-world success stories that drive progress and create new jobs. The *Building Our Innovation Economy - Advance Queensland Strategy (AQ Strategy)* is the Queensland Government's plan to keep pace with the rapidly evolving global innovation ecosystem so our businesses can attract investment and reach new global markets.

The *AQ Strategy* priorities include building on Queensland's strengths, backing our regions to compete globally, scaling up local solutions for new markets and investing in science and technology to create jobs. The Advance Queensland initiative has supported many Queensland innovators and entrepreneurs within the biotechnology and travel sectors to enable progression of their research, and development and commercialisation of innovative products, processes and services to grow and compete in the global market and create jobs.

The Queensland Government is proud to have supported your company Didgigo Pty Ltd, the technology that provides the platform for the goPassport application, through both the Advance Queensland Ignite Ideas Fund and the Business Development Fund. The *AQ Strategy* has also supported some of the biotechnology diagnostic partners you have noted in the video attached to your request – A New Eco System – TravBio Tech.

Tourism and biomedical sectors are identified amongst Queensland's priority industries that support the growth of high value knowledge intensive jobs. We will continue to position Queensland as a global testbed for new technology to create opportunities for local innovators and industry. I acknowledge the new TravBio Tech sector and goPassport technology's capabilities and wish you well in your upcoming engagement with the Australian Government and the global travel industry. I look forward to receiving an update on these discussions and any progress goPassport makes towards the proof of concept of your technology.

If you require any further information, please contact Ms Kate Adams, Chief of Staff in my office on 3719 7560 or via email at kate.adams@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stirling', with a stylized, cursive script.

STIRLING HINCHLIFFE MP
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