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Media Release:

Mayors step up as key advocates for Greater Whitsunday

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Three strong Mayors of one powerful region will be advocating the Greater Whitsunday region's priorities to the Premier and Deputy Premier in Brisbane this month.

Chair of the Greater Whitsunday Council of Mayors, Mayor Anne Baker said top of the agenda is better road infrastructure to support the national building region.

"We're calling for funding to deliver flood immunity for the Bruce Highway north and south of Proserpine and to improve the Alpha-Clermont Road which is essential to the development of the Galilee Basin.

"It's also essential the Queensland Government keeps their foot on the accelerator for the construction of the Mackay to Bowen Basin Service Link (Walkerston By-pass)."

"Other key priorities include the Reef 2050 Plan to ensure the Reef is preserved now and for generations to come, better telecommunications to improve disaster management, affordable water security and economic sustainability."

The organisation formerly known as 'Whitsunday Regional Organisation of Council's (Whitsunday ROC) is now the 'Greater Whitsunday Council of Mayors'.

"Whitsunday Mayor Andrew Willcox, Mackay Mayor Greg Williamson and I know our region is powering Australia. Our strong mining and agricultural sectors mean we are number one in terms of gross regional product per capita for the state.

"The name change reinforces our joint focus in advocating on behalf of our greater region for the betterment of our communities, our state and Australia."

"Our voices must be heard to ensure regional communities benefit, not just in Greater Whitsunday, but across Queensland."

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Image: Key advocates (left to right): Mackay Mayor Greg Williamson, Isaac Mayor Anne Baker and Whitsunday Mayor Andrew Willcox form the Greater Whitsunday Council of Mayors.

