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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RE: Northern Rivers Rail Trail

Tursa Employment & Training is a regional, non-government, not-for-profit, independent company, founded in 1994 for the express purpose of addressing unemployment in the region. Its core business is all about work: finding work for people who need work, finding workers for businesses that need workers, and preparing and training job seekers for work.

TURSA employs around 220 staff in the region providing services from 25 centres from Coffs Harbour to Helensvale **including Murwillumbah, Ballina, Brunswick Heads, Mullumbimby, Byron Bay, Lismore, Kyogle and Casino** and is one of the most successful regional Job Services Australia agencies in Australia.

This letter is in support of the **Northern Rivers Rail Trail's** application for funding. The Rail Trail both in construction phase and once as an established community asset has the potential to provide unique opportunities to our clients; these opportunities may be in the form of *Work for the Dole*, business or employment outcomes.

TURSA would be most pleased to support this initiative; we see the potential of this project to stimulate this region both as a community development initiative and a genuine economic stimulus. The success of this project is desirable and clearly valid. *Tursa Employment & Training* looks forward to working collaboratively with **Northern Rivers Rail Trail** to maximise employment outcomes.

Yours faithfully,

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