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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for the establishment of a Coles Supermarket in Charters Towers. As a local business owner and an invested member of this business community, I am deeply committed to the economic growth and prosperity of our township.

The introduction of a Coles Supermarket would bring significant benefits to Charters Towers, including:

- 1. Economic Growth and Job Creation A major retailer like Coles would generate numerous employment opportunities for residents, ranging from entry-level positions to managerial roles. This would provide much-needed job stability and career prospects for our community.
- 2. Increased Competition and Consumer Choice A Coles Supermarket would offer residents more options for groceries and essential goods, helping to drive competitive pricing and improved product variety. Increased competition in the retail sector often leads to better value for consumers.
- 3. Support for Local Suppliers and Businesses Coles has a history of working with regional producers and suppliers, which could create additional opportunities for local farmers and businesses to supply fresh produce and goods to a wider market.
- 4. Enhanced Shopping Experience A modern, well-equipped supermarket would provide Charters Towers residents with access to high-quality products and services without the need to travel long distances to larger centres. Coles will also offer ease of access for parking areas, including, disabled parents with prams and shade for the customers.
- 5. Community Investment Large retailers like Coles often engage in community programs, sponsorships, and initiatives that benefit local schools, charities, and events. This could further enhance the social and economic fabric of our town.

Charters Towers has so much opportunity to be a thriving rural hub with a strong sense of community. While businesses like mine remain an integral part of our town, we recognize that progress and development are essential for long-term sustainability. The presence of Coles would complement existing businesses and provide residents with more options, ensuring that Charters Towers remains a vibrant and attractive place to live and work.

I urge decision-makers to support this development, as it would bring lasting benefits to our town and its residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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