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Dear Mr Kumar

I refer to your email to the Honourable Kate Jones MP, Minister for Innovation and Tourism Industry Development and Minister for the Commonwealth Games, regarding new web based technology development for people of non-English speaking backgrounds. The Minister has asked me to respond on her behalf.

I was interested to read about your web based technology to assist non-English speaking people. It is encouraging to hear from individuals creating applications that enable people of any nationality to access online information with ease.

The Queensland Government's \$650 million Advance Queensland initiative is delivering results and creating jobs now and in the future. The initiatives are focused on building collaboration across Queensland, nationally and internationally. Attracting new investment and diversity of talent and skills into Queensland contributes positively to supporting jobs creation, regional growth, increased innovation and the building of local supply chains.

The Advance Queensland Hot DesQ program attracts international and interstate entrepreneurial talent to boost Queensland's startup ecosystem and broaden our global connections. Further information is available at website <http://hotdesq.com.au>.

Should you have any queries regarding the Hot DesQ program, you may contact Ms Richelle McNae, Senior Project Officer, Innovation Programs, Department of Innovation, Tourism Industry Development and the Commonwealth Games via email at [richelle.mcnae@ditid.qld.gov.au](mailto:richelle.mcnae@ditid.qld.gov.au).

I recommend visiting the Advance Queensland website at <http://advance.qld.gov.au> and subscribing to the Advance Queensland newsletter for updates.

I wish you future success with your web based technology and trust it will be a valuable resource for non-English speaking people in the future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Verena McCarthy".

**VERENA McCARTHY**  
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