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Sent by email to:

Dear

AP2026/001 – SDA application for a material change of use for special industry (Bromelton Energy and Resource Centre) in the Bromelton SDA

I refer to your correspondence dated 4 August 2026 in relation to the above development application received within the Bromelton State Development Area (BSDA).

Scenic Rim Regional Council has reviewed the material and provide the following comments for consideration.

Air Quality Monitoring

Council considers that the establishment of a permanent air quality monitoring station within the Beaudesert locality, or the broader Bromelton area, warrants further investigation. Given the concentration of existing industrial activities in the Bromelton State Development Area and the potential for additional industrial development, including industries that may generate emissions or other air quality impacts, ongoing monitoring would provide a robust evidence base to inform environmental management and community assurance. The provision of such infrastructure is considered both justified and overdue, having regard to the long-standing industrial planning framework for the area.

Community Consultation and Social Licence

The successful delivery of significant industrial development requires the establishment of an appropriate social licence through transparent community engagement and information sharing. It is recommended that the State Government take a leadership role in facilitating community consultation and providing clear, factual information regarding the proposal and its potential impacts. Engagement should include appropriately qualified subject matter experts, including environmental scientists and public health professionals, to assist in addressing community concerns, dispelling misinformation, and improving community understanding of the relevant technical matters.

Infrastructure Constraints

Existing infrastructure constraints remain a significant consideration. Concerns have been raised regarding the capacity and condition of local and state-controlled road networks, as well as the availability of essential services including water supply, sewerage infrastructure, and energy networks. The current transport network, particularly in relation to heavy vehicle movements, is already experiencing operational pressures and may not be capable of accommodating additional

industrial traffic without substantial upgrades. Accordingly, infrastructure planning and investment would be required prior to any consideration of further large-scale industrial development.

Political and Community Impacts

While political considerations do not form part of the statutory planning assessment framework, it is acknowledged that the issue has generated considerable community concern. Locally elected representatives remain a primary point of contact for residents and have received ongoing feedback regarding perceptions of the State Government's management of the matter. Consideration should be given to improving communication, stakeholder engagement, and support mechanisms to ensure that community concerns are appropriately addressed and that accurate information is readily available.

Regional Waste Management and Strategic Alignment

Concerns have been expressed regarding the perception that the region may become a destination (dumping ground) for waste generated across South East Queensland. While Council of Mayors (SEQ) has a joint plan for the future of waste for South East Queensland, further clarification is required regarding the future role of waste-to-energy facilities within the broader waste management hierarchy. Greater transparency regarding how proposed developments align with regional strategies, state policy objectives, and local government interests would assist in addressing community concerns and improving public understanding of the long-term strategic direction for waste management in South East Queensland.

Should you have any queries regarding the contents of the above correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED].

Yours faithfully

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