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Subject: Thoughts on current City Council Baylands proposal

Dear Members of the Brisbane City Council:

I have been reading the Baylands proposal and while I cannot attend Thursday's meeting I wanted to address my significant concerns.

I understand that a proposal for housing in the area is going to be put to a vote but I'm concerned that the proposal won't appease anyone who is pushing for housing. Here's why.

For one that the current proposal creates a cluster of high-density housing on the north side of Geneva Avenue and that creates more problems than solution. It will require more policing resources to keep safe as well as creates the precedent for higher density dwellings, which is something this council and community has been against in our town proper. Why does a high-density proposal work there and the whole agenda for open space seem to be left out? Whoever lives in those areas deserve open spaces, parks, services just like the rest of Brisbane.

The precedent also opens the door for future developers and housing advocates for pushing for higher density housing on the rest of the Baylands.

Do you think San Francisco, the housing advocates across the region will accept this as a compromise? It comes across as an invitation for 8-10 story buildings with many units. This would balloon the residents in the region without the needed tax revenue to support the infrastructure. It will just appear that Brisbane wants to keep the density as far away from Brisbane proper as possible. We already look like the NIMBY community and this proposal seals that perception.

We have a limited opportunity to control how the land is designed and used and we are proposing the exact type of solution that we have been fighting against for years

We should be considering one developer to take the entire parcel and require lots of open space, playfields and parks and even additional schools for our region, something that we sorely need. This parcel can also house mix use retail/commercial space that can drive revenue for the town to offset those costs. While Brisbane has eschewed revenue to help maintain the quality of our town is truly beyond reason.

The current plan is short-sighted and alarming. A proposal like this would open the doors to lose all control of the area and drive many more new residents than we care to have using the roads and resources.

I believe the City Council needs to open its eyes to the region's needs and how hard the rest of the communities around us are going to push for more housing and this plan actually creates less upside for Brisbane than what we can do.

I expect more from our council to see the bigger picture.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
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