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The Brisbane Baylands Final Environmental Impact Report lists 15 negative reasons not to build this project. Any one reason would suffice, but if you need convincing you have 15 good reasons to choose from not to move forward with this project.

When I read this Brisbane Baylands comic book, I couldn't help but be puzzled by a number of initiatives.

1. "This project will create 20,000 new jobs" – are you sure? Because currently we can't seem to attract enough jobs to fill the office buildings standing over on Sierra Point
2. Universal Paragon already has approval for 1700 units at the Schlage Lock Factory site. Isn't that enough? Do they really need to build another 4,400 units in the Brisbane Baylands?
3. If they do build 4,400 units and house a minimum of 8,000 people, many with children, who is paying for the building of the additional elementary and middle schools in Brisbane?. Who is paying for the additional policemen, firemen, and city workers necessary to service a town doubled in size? Who is paying for a new and larger city hall?
4. If we do approve this project, what guarantees are there that anything will be actually built? Will we end up with another dead zone, fenced off from the public, like we have next to the marina?
5. The sun reflection glare from the proposed solar panel farm will drive down home prices of properties on the east side of town; and God help the airline pilots taking off in the direction of those panels

My wife and I moved to Brisbane 14 years ago; and it's not as if we want to pull up the drawbridge and say the housing shortage should be solved but not in my backyard. I'm open to considering the proposed apartment building across from the park, and willing to take on our share of the housing market challenge relative to Brisbane's size and infrastructure resources. But this Baylands projects to way too far out of scope for Brisbane. For our town, of 3600 people to take on an additional population of 8,000 more residents, is like asking Brisbane to host the Olympics...for life.

Therefore, ladies and gentlemen, I ask you not to vote in favor of this mistake. The Brisbane Baylands is not community development. It's civic suicide.

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