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Honorable Brisbane Planning Commissioners:

I wish to enter the following comments for your deliberation on the proposed Brisbane Baylands Development.

I worked with other citizens on the Citizens Committee that reviewed the DEIR. I am therefore extremely familiar with this project.

Please look at the recently published list of significant and unavoidable environmental impacts.

Allow me to point out my three concerns:

Toxins
Water
Traffic

The Center for Creative Land Recycling (CCLR) will make compelling arguments that remediating **toxins** on the Baylands is no big deal. Though they will show you examples of remediated properties, none has the complexity of the Baylands where 100 years of unregulated and undocumented waste and chemicals were put into the ground. Those toxins are now mixing into new substances being transported by groundwater, with the potential to be further disrupted by the impending rise of sea levels. CCLR will cite construction techniques, caps, podiums, pipes and walls, but none is foolproof. They admit that disrupting what's underground will have *unknown consequences*.

Do you really want to take the word of one consultant? Please read the Dr. Lee report and compare.

The Federal Government has recommended wind and solar as the most appropriate and constructive use of brownfield sites. With the State of California mandating a greater share of energy from renewables, this would be an extremely productive use of the Baylands. Energy demand is increasing and the site is close to PG&E distribution lines.

Someday, we may have better science to know how to remediate complex dumps like the Baylands, but we're not there yet.

The Baylands have been "industrial" for years as reflected in our General Plan. Those businesses can continue to operate compatibly with energy generation, a transit hub, and museum.

Do not succumb to the cries for housing. Brisbane is already planning housing within central Brisbane (RHNA allocation and Parkside Plan) and contributing our fair share. **Water** will be a consideration with any new homes. Our Brisbane Plan for Sustainability emphasizes that we must live within our means.

As Bay Area corporations have now begun outsourcing jobs to other states to save on salaries, the impact on rentals is already being felt. The cost of rentals is actually starting to fall in San Francisco and the Peninsula. More people are now leaving the state than

moving here.

We must consider **traffic** as well. Massive developments planned to our north and south will leave us with unknown and perhaps debilitating traffic consequences. Ask yourself, how are we in Brisbane going to get home? Someday transit may catch up to the developments, but it's already woefully behind and lacking funding.

You can already see the gridlock on Hwy 101 northbound and southbound at all times of day, not *just* during the commute hours. You have witnessed, I'm sure, the spillover onto Bayshore, with frustrated drivers traveling at speeds well beyond the limit.

What you put on the Baylands will have cumulative effects to what is already planned to our north and south...massive residential development (15,000 units to our north), and large residential and commercial projects that can already be seen under construction in South San Francisco. ***How are we going to get home?***

Planning for a site like the Baylands requires thoughtful, pragmatic planning based on current science and an eye to future consequences. We should not be pressured into decisions by developers or outside interests.

I appreciate the patience and resolve you, as Commissioners have shown throughout countless hours of hearings, deliberations, and study. Your careful decision-making will resonate for decades.

Remember...you serve **Brisbane**...not outside interests, not developers, not communities who created their problems and now expect Brisbane to "fix it" for them.

There will still be opportunities in the future to consider remediation and development. Science will present new options, and the outcome of developments outside Brisbane will have demonstrated the repercussions.

You must make decisions based on **now**.

Thank you for listening and serving **us**.

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