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Scoping Comments for the Brisbane Bayland EIR

General Questions:

Why isn't renewable energy plan studied in as much detail as the other two?

Which plan STARTS with preserving the biological resources and develops around that value?

Biological resources:

What native flora and fauna exist on and around the baylands? How will each of them flourish or decline under each proposed plan?
Which plan has the most viable bay to mountain wildlife corridor?

Geology, Soils, Seismicity:
What will happen, under each plan, in the event of a 6.5 and above earthquake?
Which plan has the least likelihood of an inadvertent exposure of the buried toxic material over the long term?

GG Emissions:
Which plan best accommodation to rising sea levels in a way that recognizes it as a regional problem? (A sea wall, for example, may protect one area from sea level rise, but exacerbate the problem elsewhere.)
Which plan has the fewest net emissions not only over the building cycle, but in the long term?

Hazardous Materials
What toxic materials really are in the landfill -- not just the ones on the EPA list? Compare strategies for dealing with them in the 3 plans. Which strategy is best, and most cost effective?

Hydrology
Which plan deals with stormwater, leachate from the landfill, and sewage in the most sustainable and energy efficient manner?

Noise:
Which plan has the least impact?

Population and Housing
From an environmentally sustainable point of view, Is it desirable to draw population to this particular location, given existing and future populations, transportation corridors, open space, and other factors being studied in the EIR? Which plan is most sustainable?

Public Services
Which plan puts the least strain on public services? Which plan uses the least energy to provide the services demanded by it?

Recreation
What kinds of recreation should be encouraged from an environmental perspective?
Which plan best fosters recreation that is sustainable and environment friendly?

Sustainability
What is true sustainability? Which plan comes closest to that?

Transportation, etc.
Examine the regional impacts of the transportation demands and solutions within each plan.

Sincerely,



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