



Hon Paul Lucas MP



Queensland  
Government

Deputy Premier  
Minister for Infrastructure  
and Planning

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Your ref: 998-08 and 939-07

**16 OCT 2008**

Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of Parliament  
Parliament House  
Cnr Alice and George Sts  
Brisbane QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition lodged with the Legislative Assembly by the Honourable Kevin Lingard MP on behalf of Drs Donnell Davis on 13 February 2008 concerning a request to the House regarding the then proposed Bromelton State Development Area. The petition specifically requests the following: (1) extend public consultation time by 3 months; (2) conduct public meetings on development and sustainability; (3) provide a transparent decision making process to determine future land use; and (4) stop nuclear plants.

Prior to the Coordinator-General declaring the Bromelton State Development Area (SDA), the Government undertook a public notification process. The public notification process was undertaken to inform the community about the proposed Bromelton SDA and to allow interested parties to lodge submissions for consideration by the Coordinator-General, prior to his reaching a decision on the proposed declaration.

Public notification took place from Monday 22 October 2007 to Monday 19 November 2007. The communication program included the following:

- an initial briefing to the then Beaudesert Shire Councillors;
- placement of newspaper advertisements in local (*Beaudesert Times*) and State-wide (*Courier Mail*) newspapers;
- letters to landholders within the proposed Bromelton SDA;
- establishment of a project-dedicated telephone number for enquiries;
- establishment of a project-dedicated email address for enquiries and lodgement of electronic submissions;
- static displays at the then Beaudesert Shire Council's offices in Beaudesert, the Council's Jimboomba Customer Service Centre and in the Department of Infrastructure and Planning's Brisbane office for the full duration of the exhibition/consultation period;

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- three information sessions held at Beaudesert, hosted by Departmental officers, to address community questions and enquiries about the Bromelton SDA proposal and processes;
- publication of an information brochure (also posted to all landholders), fact sheets, “frequently asked questions” information and maps;
- publication of a draft Development Scheme and draft Land Use Masterplan;
- publication of all public notification material including maps, brochures and draft Development Scheme on the Department’s web site;
- Ministerial media releases.

Following completion of the public notification period, the Coordinator-General sent letters to all landholders within the proposed Bromelton SDA and all those who had lodged a submission. The letter advised of closure of the public notification period, the next steps in the process and confirmed the Coordinator-General would review all submissions prior to making a final decision on the proposed declaration.

The Bromelton SDA was approved by the Governor in Council on 28 August 2008.

It is a requirement under the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* that after declaration of a SDA the Coordinator-General will prepare a development scheme for that area. Once prepared, the Coordinator-General will furnish the development scheme to the responsible Minister (in this case the Deputy Premier) for approval. If the Minister approves the development scheme, the Minister shall submit it to the Governor in Council for approval.

A development scheme will establish a set of objectives for the orderly development of the Bromelton SDA and identify a range of land use designations and specify the purpose of each designation. A development scheme will also establish a procedure for determination by the Coordinator-General of the suitability of land uses in the Bromelton SDA.

Once a draft development scheme has been prepared, the Department will undertake a public notification process to provide the community with a further opportunity to lodge submissions for consideration by the Coordinator-General.

Any development scheme adopted for the Bromelton SDA will have regard to the submissions received from the public and the current *South East Queensland Regional Plan* review. This work is being undertaken over the next 12 months.

Regarding the location of nuclear facilities in the Bromelton SDA, the Queensland Government has legislated against the establishment of nuclear facilities throughout the whole of the State via the *Nuclear Facilities Prohibition Act 2007* (NFP Act). The purpose of the NFP Act is to:

- (1) help protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of Queensland; and
- (2) ensure this purpose is achieved primarily by prohibiting the construction and operation of particular nuclear reactors and other facilities in the nuclear fuel cycle.

The BSDA is not being promoted for nuclear facilities and the *Nuclear Facilities Prohibition Act 2007* prohibits nuclear facilities in Queensland.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Lucas', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**PAUL LUCAS MP**

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