

November 5, 2012

To: Hon. Mayor and Members of the City Council, City of Brisbane
From: Committee for Renewable Energy in the Baylands (CREBL), Brisbane
Re: Baylands NOP

Dear Honorables,

This is to enter into your record the continuing concerns held by your citizens committee CREBL that the proposed Renewable Energy Alternative is not being seriously considered in the Baylands environmental review process.

As you may recall, we have been addressing your Council on this issue since 2006, the time of the developer's first, partial plan was accepted as suitable for an EIR.

In 2009 we formally presented the CREBL alternative project, which was further defined with full land-use descriptions in 2010. In January 2011 we commented on the earlier NOP and objected to the treatment of the Renewable Alternative as practically a mere footnote in the document.

Early this year an *ad hoc* Council subcommittee consisting of Council members Conway and Miller discussed the various ways the CREBL alternative could be handled by the EIR consultants, but no action by the full Council was taken.

It is important to all those being prepared to review and comment on the DEIR that the Renewable Alternative be given the visibility it deserves in today's day and age. For instance, tables such as Table 2 in the NOP should include a column with data from the alternative as compared with the Developer's Specific Plan (DSP) and "Community Proposed Plan" (CPP) and their variants. **We therefore ask that your Council take appropriate action to direct such measures to be taken before the DEIR is released.**

A second request in keeping with the same principle of equal treatment is that **you order the EPA/NREL study, when submitted on November 21, to be incorporated by reference and as an appendix to the DEIR.** We understand your staff would prefer to merely submit it as one comment after the issuance of the DEIR, for consideration only in the Final EIR you will certify.

CREBL believes that all the citizens devoting their time and effort to study and comment on the DEIR deserve to have the feasibility data collected by the NREL accessible to them. We understand the data will most likely strongly support a commercially viable use of solar power generation on the contaminated bayfill. A solar farm represents a more acceptable land use for our citizens and will generate more positive than negative impacts on our environment.

Respectfully yours,

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