

Attention  
Coordinator General  
State Development Area  
Department of Infrastructure and Planning  
PO Box 15009  
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Dear Sir,

Re : Proposed State Development Area Extension - Curtis Island – Submission

I wish to make a formal submission on the proposed extension to the State Development area which is to include the addition of a significant portion of the southern end of Curtis Island.

My understanding is that the inclusion of this portion of Curtis Island is to provide land for proposed liquefied natural gas plants and other industry including buffer zones.

#### BACKGROUND

I am a long term land owner at the township of South End on Curtis Island. My family has had access to the area of Curtis Island being affected by this proposal for the entire life of my children and this proposal will rob future generations of the ability to enjoy this Island in its natural form.

#### ISSUES

There is a lack of beach and attached recreational areas in close proximity to the city of Gladstone and as the population of Gladstone expands then this proposal would have a detrimental effect on the recreational activity of the residents of Gladstone.

It is misleading and deceptive for a major project such as this to be proposed considering resident were of the opinion that this island would remain in its natural condition following the local government recent approval of an eco type development in very close proximity at Turtle Street Beach.

It is not sensible planning to have a pristine area such as Curtis Island with its natural beauty and National Park allocated to Polluting industries.

The area shown on the proposal maps actually joins the green Zone in the declared Marine National Park on the eastern side of Curtis Island and would have a detrimental effect on this marine Park area.

The proposed development will have an adverse effect on Flora, Fauna and bird life on Curtis Island as the Island is unique and cannot be replaced. Because of the small land area of Curtis Island the affect of the proposed development on the proposed area will be to devastate the local fauna including Kangaroos, echidnas, Sugar gliders and like animals and birds.

Crab and fish breeding areas from Grahams Creek through China Bay to Boatshed Point and on to Enfield Creek will be severely affected as has been the case with wharf construction at the mouth of the Calliope River where tidal flows and marine interests were ignored to the detriment of the environment..

The proposed industry use will have a detrimental affect on the gazetted Marine Park Habitat Protection Zone in Grahams Creek as the area is located on Grahams Creek and within the Grahams Creek catchment area.

Potential pollution risks such as air quality, chemical run off, explosion and fire are a concern for the township of South end and I don't believe any Government can guarantee the residents of South End complete safety, and that such catastrophes will never happen.

Gladstone is an area with a well documented history of air pollution from industry and the proposed development adjoining South End township and on a pristine Island on the Queensland Coast is unacceptable.

Chemical Spills would have a catastrophic affect on not only the township of South End and Curtis Island National Park but also Flora, Fauna, birdlife and the marine environment.

Noxious smells will be emitted from any proposed gas projects as a matter of course and will impact directly on the township of South End the Approved Turtle Street eco style development and the Curtis Island National Park

Curtis Island would be affect by direct pollution (wether the proposed projects are built to acceptable International pollution levels) during several months of the year and in particular in times of low wind conditions.

The quantity of gas proposed to be stored not by one but several projects on Curtis Island should ring alarm bells and the resultant pollution from several gas projects would multiply the pollution risk to inhabitants of South End and the fragile Island environment.

West Australia's recent Gas explosion is an example of the risk to the residents of South End and the environment of Curtis Island and its National Park and unique environment and if allowed to proceed would exhibit a lack of Duty of Care by the Queensland Government.

#### CONCLUSION

The proposed use in this proposal poses long term serious risk to the environment and residents on Curtis Island

There are several sites other than Curtis Island where potentially polluting industries can be located so as not to disturb the lifestyle and recreational interests of the residents of Gladstone.

Yours Sincerely

**Geoff Bonney**