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Mayor Tom Sharp

Councillors and CEO, Scenic Rim Regional Council
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RE: SRRC Jurisdiction and Safeguards Regarding Proposed SDA Incinerator Facility

Dear Mayor Cr Tom Sharp, Councillors, and CEO David Keenan,

I am writing to formally submit a matter of public interest regarding the proposed incinerator facility within the State Development Area (SDA), which carries significant implications for our region.

Jurisdictional Context and Statutory Obligations

We acknowledge that the primary development approval for facilities within the SDA does not sit under the direct jurisdiction of the Scenic Rim Regional Council (SRRC). However, the administration of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994 (Qld)*, the protection of local natural resources, and the management of external infrastructure impacts affecting the broader Scenic Rim community remain strictly the responsibility and mandate of the SRRC.

Furthermore, under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010 (Qld)* and the *Right to Information Act 2009 (Qld)*, Council executives and elected representatives have a statutory duty to transparently address matters regarding substantial, specific dangers to public health, local industry, and the environment.

Formal Question to the CEO and Councillors

To establish the Council's current position and actions on these critical matters, can you please confirm whether any formal submissions or representations have been made by, or on behalf of, the SRRC to the Coordinator-General or relevant State authorities to address the following impacts:

1. **Water Resource Competition:** The project's projected water consumption and its direct competition for what is already a critically limited, finite water resource essential to local residents and primary producers?
2. **Agricultural Bioaccumulation Risks:** The long-term bioaccumulated risks and potential exposure of our local agricultural sector to product contamination resulting from the operation, chemical emissions, and subsequent disposal of toxic fly ash, incinerator bottom ash, and/or bottom ash aggregate?
3. **Infrastructure Degradation:** The severe infrastructure and road impacts (including heavy vehicle haulage volumes and accelerated road degradation) arising from this operation on local, Council-maintained routes?

Given the critical nature of these risks to the Scenic Rim's environment, economy, and water security, I look forward to your formal, written response detailing the specific steps the Council is taking to protect its constituents.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]
[Date]

