

Petition Submission Form



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Declaration

I submit this Petition Submission Form as the Principal Petitioner for the below petition to be considered for presentation to Council.

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Petition Details (Please outline the details and reasons for the petition)

We, the undersigned, hereby respectfully request the Rockhampton Regional Council:

Request to the Minister for State Development and Planning to urgently impose a Temporary Local Planning Instrument (TLPI) to regulate the siting and assessment of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). A TLPI allows local governments to quickly address specific, often localized planning issues by suspending or modifying parts of an existing planning scheme..

The Rockhampton Region is experiencing a rapid influx of large-scale industrial renewable energy projects, particularly Battery Energy Storage System developments. This rapid influx is giving rise to a unique set of land use, safety, environmental, and amenity conflicts, particularly in the rural and rural residential zones such as Bouldercombe and Gracemere

There is serious concern that the Rockhampton Regional Planning Scheme does not include appropriate assessment benchmarks that reflect the complexities of such industrial hazardous BESS developments. There is major concern that policies at all levels of governments have not yet caught up to the industry and key issues will not be appropriately considered and/or addressed.

In the absence of an up-to-date and comprehensive planning framework, a TLPI would serve as a critical interim measure to allow Council to:

- Manage the land use conflicts between industrial-scale BESS facilities and rural and rural residential zones;
- Ensure community safety, given the significant fire and explosion risks associated with lithium-ion energy storage;
- Protect amenity from noise, light, and visual pollution;
- Prevent further fragmentation of rural land and degradation of landscape values;
- Uphold the expectations of affected residents who purchased land in good faith under current zoning protections;
- Allow time for Queensland Fire Department to implement stringent safety and design guidelines for Renewable Energy Facilities and Battery Energy Storage Systems—similar to the Victorian Country Fire Authority's Model Requirements and Design Guidelines; and
- Allow the Queensland State Government sufficient time to incorporate Battery Energy Storage Systems into the new planning reforms that should ensure BESS undergo the same rigorous approval processes as other major renewable energy developments.
- Allow the community the opportunity to have input into the RRC and Central Queensland Planning Schemes that shape our future.

The recommendations from the Planning Scheme's 10-year review undertaken in 2024 are extensive and will take some time complete.

The following reports prepared for Rockhampton Regional Council are approaching 15 years old:

- Economic Development and Employment Study Final Report - December 2010
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The Central Queensland Regional Plan is also greater than 10 years old and still currently under review. The State Government has committed to reviewing all statutory regional plans that are older than five years old to adopt a coordinated approach that aims to improve policy alignment and better respond to region-specific challenges and opportunities by integrating the State's infrastructure priorities, industry policies and statutory regional plans.

Currently, the Western Downs Regional Council has requested to the Minister to implement a TLPI to address similar challenges associated with the rapid growth of solar farm developments.

These admissions further reinforce the urgent need for a TLPI to protect the community from inappropriate developments.

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