**Community Objection Template — Development Application D/65-2025 (Egan’s Hill BESS**

To:

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Subject: **Objection to D/65-2025 – Proposed Battery Energy Storage System (54077 Burnett Highway, Gracemere – Lot 20 & 30 SP253444)**

Dear CEO,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed BESS development. I believe it conflicts with several important parts of the Rockhampton Region Planning Scheme 2015, and I am concerned about the impact it would have on our rural community.

**1. Loss of Good Quality Agricultural Land (GQAL)**

Conflicts with: Strategic Framework s.3.3.1(1)(a); Rural Zone Code PO2

🖊 Describe in your own words how removing productive grazing land for industrial infrastructure will impact the area, your livelihood, or food security:

🖊 Example: *“This is good grazing land that supports cattle production. Once it’s covered in roads, batteries and fencing, the land will be sterile making it permanently unsuitable for grazing or future farming use. We should be protecting this land, and ensuring it remains available for rural uses that support livelihoods and our broader food security”.*

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**2. Visual Amenity and Rural Character**

Conflicts with: Rural Zone Code PO4; Landscape and Scenic Amenity Policy (SC6.4)

🖊 Explain how this facility, with its size, fencing, and visibility from the Burnett Highway, will affect the look and feel of the area:

🖊 Example: “*This development will be clearly visible from the Burnett Highway, a major route for locals and tourists alike. While there is already some infrastructure in the area, adding rows of white containers, tall poles, and security fencing will only exaggerate the loss of amenity. Our region is known nationally for its cattle production, and these kinds of developments threaten to permanently alter that proud image”.*

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**3. Bushfire Risk and Emergency Response**

Conflicts with: Natural Hazards Overlay Code PO9, PO11; Rural Zone Code PO14

🖊 Write about your concerns around fire risk, toxic smoke, and the ability of local services to respond to an incident:

🖊 Example: *“There’s no dedicated fire response team in the area for a battery fire, and our local rural brigades don’t have the right equipment. A fire here could spread fast and putting nearby homes and livestock at risk.”*

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**4. Proximity to Homes and Residential Zones**

Conflicts with: Strategic Framework s.3.3.2(2)(d); Rural Zone Code PO4

🖊 Note how close you or others are to the site and how this could affect safety, lifestyle or property value:

🖊 Example: *“This site is close to residential and rural homes in the area. It’s too close to where people live. Many rural properties in the area rely solely on rainwater tanks for their household and livestock needs, contamination of this water vital water supply would directly impact the health and wellbeing of people and animals. Fires at BESS facilities produce toxic smoke, and even under normal conditions, the constant hum of industrial cooling fans will impact the quiet rural environment”.*

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**5. Traffic and Road Safety**

Conflicts with: Rural Zone Code PO14; SPP provisions for state-controlled roads

🖊 Mention safety concerns due to B-double access from Burnett Highway, turning lanes, or school/farm traffic in the area:

🖊 Example: *“There’s no turning lane shown for B-doubles to get in and out of the site. That stretch of the Burnett Highway is already busy and dangerous — this makes it worse.”*

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**6. Cumulative Impact of Infrastructure**

🖊 Add any personal views on whether this adds to industrial creep or makes the area feel overdeveloped:

🖊 Example: *“Even though there’s already a substation and powerlines nearby, adding another big facility like this just makes the area feel industrial and pushes out rural use bit by bit.”*

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**7. (Optional)**

Other Concerns

🖊 Example: *“There’s no cyclone design info included. This area is cyclone-prone — what happens if containers shift, or infrastructure fails from in a storm? A structural failure could lead to a fire which are extremely difficult to control and release toxic smoke. The risk to nearby homes, livestock, and the environment is simply too high.”*

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**Conclusion**

I believe this development is not appropriate for the location and conflicts with the Planning Scheme in several areas. I urge Council to refuse this application.

Sincerely,

Signature (optional if submitting via email)

*\*Signature is mandatory if hand-delivered or posted.*