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## **\$30 MILLION FREIGHT TERMINAL FOR BROMELTON**

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**Scenic Rim Mayor John Brent has declared the announcement of a \$30 million intermodal freight precinct for Bromelton as a "game changer" for the region.**

"This is a breakthrough moment for Bromelton and the start of a new era for Scenic Rim, with a state-of-the-art intermodal facility anchoring the expansion of the area," Cr Brent said.

"Make no mistake; this is a game changer for Bromelton, the Scenic Rim and South East Queensland in terms of freight and logistics."

Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss this morning announced Scenic Rim Regional Council had been successful in securing a grant under the Federal Government's National Stronger Regions Fund (NSRF) to assist rail company SCT Logistics (SCT) in developing the facility.

"I thank the Federal Government, particularly the Deputy Prime Minister and our Federal member Scott Buchholz, for their support of this vital project. The Member for Wright has been unrelenting in his advocacy on this issue, as have I as Mayor," Cr Brent said.

Cr Brent said SCT would be making a significant capital investment in the development of the site in addition to the Federal catalyst funding.

"I commend SCT for their vision and their commitment to the Scenic Rim in helping forge the next generation of employment opportunities for our region," he said

"This \$30 million project represents 125 jobs and is the first stage of a development which is expected to create 1000 direct jobs on site and thousands more in the wider industrial precinct from companies seeking to co-locate over time.

Cr Brent said SCT's facility at Bromelton would be a catalyst for long-term job creation within the Scenic Rim.

"We will not only have the direct job creation by SCT and associated industries at Bromelton, but also the indirect jobs generated by the long-term stimulus to the regional economy," he said.

"These workers and their families will all need homes to live in, be it in Beaudesert, Boonah or on Tamborine Mountain, and their pay packets will support in the retail, commercial and services sectors.

"For existing industry in Scenic Rim, particularly primary producers and exporters, there is also reduction in supply chain costs by moving freight through Bromelton."

Cr Brent said not only was SCT's site strategically located on the dual gauge rail line between Brisbane and Sydney, the route of the Inland Rail Project would ultimately intersect with the existing coastal interstate line just north of Bromelton.

"This will put Bromelton at the crossroads of rail freight and intermodal logistics on the eastern seaboard," he said.

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