

## NEWS

# A sleeping giant awakens

### COUNCILLOR COMMENT

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I JOINED Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss and Federal Member for Wright Scott Buchholz for one of the most significant economic announcements in the history of Scenic Rim on Monday - the confirmation of a \$30 million intermodal freight

terminal for Bromelton.

Earlier this year, council partnered with Australia's largest private rail company SCT Logistics to auspice an application for a grant under Federal Government's National Stronger Regions Fund.

Council secured \$9.6 million in Federal support for SCT's \$30 million freight terminal project which will ulti-

mately employ 1000 people.

More importantly, it activates the Bromelton State Development Area (SDA) as the new freight and logistics hub of South East Queensland and provides for the creation of thousands more direct and indirect jobs.

Monday's announcement vindicates the efforts of this council and myself as Mayor to see Bromelton finally leave

the station. This much-anticipated outcome has come about through cooperation at all levels of government and private industry to fire up the engine room for the next generation of jobs and industry in Scenic Rim.

All involved recognise the importance of Bromelton to the future prosperity of not only Scenic Rim, but South East Queensland.

For me, it continues to be about the jobs - employment and economic opportunity for our current population, future residents, their children and grandchildren - so that we might grow a region where people can live, work and play..

Back in August 2013, I wrote that the economic sleeping giant of Bromelton represented the Scenic Rim's

very own Field of Dreams and "if you build it, they will come". Well, we are building it and now they are coming.

Bromelton SDA remains the only area available in south-east Queensland for future industrial development with access to both National Standard and Queensland gauge rail infrastructure. There are great times ahead.