

DEAL DONE: Scenic Rim Mayor John Brent has welcomed the announcement of a \$6.2m water pipeline between Bromelton and Beaudesert.

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MOMENTUM is building at Bromelton after council announced a \$6.2 million water pipeline will be built between Beaudesert and Bromelton.

The state government announced recently it will contribute \$3.3m towards the project as part of its Building Our Regions initiative, with Scenic Rim Regional Council and Queensland Urban Utilities funding the remainder.

The 6.1 kilometre pipeline will be 450 millimetres in diameter and will extend from the Helen Street Water Treatment plant in Beaudesert to a site in Bromelton.

The pipeline is expected to add further momentum to the Bromelton industrial estate which was kickstarted on December 7 when transport company SCT Logistics announced it will build a \$30m freight terminal on site.

Scenic Rim Mayor John Brent said the major projects

would lead to more jobs and encourage industry to invest in the Bromelton area.

"The pipeline project represents yet another important investment in our economic prosperity and is a further vote of confidence in the future of the Scenic Rim. The shared vision of all levels of government sees Bromelton as a major economic engine room and employment generator for the future," he said.

Cr Brent said council's

contribution to the pipeline project would be recouped over the long-term as industrial development sites at Bromelton progressively plugged into the water network.

He said the pipeline, the commencement of the Beaudesert town bypass project and the freight facility will mean more than \$60m will be spent on infrastructure in the Scenic Rim over the next 18 months.

"I certainly cannot recall a

previous time filled with so much positive activity and announcements," he said.

Council predicts the developments will create 1000 direct jobs on site at Bromelton and up to 4000 indirect jobs in the long-term. Cr Brent could not say when construction of the pipeline would begin, but work to build the freight terminal will begin in late 2016.

Construction of the bypass will begin in early 2016 and finish in 2017.