BROMELTON REGIONAL INTERMODAL FREIGHT PRECINCT

Scenic Rim Regional Council has partnered with rail and logistics provider SCT Logistics (SCT) to secure critical foundation infrastructure in the Bromelton State Development Area.

SCT will become an anchor tenant within the industrial precinct providing a catalyst further economic development by attracting other organisations to the site.

The $30 million project involves establishment of an intermodal facility on land owned by SCT Logistics situated adjacent to the Sydney-Brisbane rail line.

The facility will provide capacity for up to 1.2 million annual payload tonnes of rail freight movements along the north-south corridor with 795,000 annual tonnes forecast from 2020.

The first stage of the SCT intermodal facility at Bromelton will consume around 10% of the company's existing land holding (approximately 130 hectares) which leaves considerable scope for development. SCT has a long-term plan for the site which could include up to 10 additional warehouses to be constructed around the rail precinct.

In addition to facilitating growth, the $30 million investment - including National Stronger Regions Fund grant - will deliver substantial direct and indirect benefits to the Scenic Rim region and other communities along the SCT network. These include:

• Delivering 271 new full-time-equivalent jobs including 125 in Bromelton, 32 in Wodonga (Victoria), 100 in Altona (Victoria) and 14 in the Sydney area to support increased freight volumes across the SCT network;

• Delivering approximately $2.3 million annually in supply chain expenditure at Bromelton;

• Drive the establishment of 500 jobs across the Bromelton site as new businesses are attracted to the region over the medium term, building to 1000 at the SCT site in the long term;

• A further 4000 positions will be ultimately created through the broader regional supply chain. It is anticipated that additional on-site private sector investment of $100 million will realise this growth;

• Connecting the Bromelton/Beaudesert region to the national rail grid and giving the area a pivotal role in the North-South rail corridor;

• Substituting rail movements for 18,588 annual truck sorties along the north-south corridor, including those that would transit through metropolitan Brisbane;

• Alleviating pressure on the existing regional intermodal facility at Acacia Ridge in metropolitan Brisbane and associated capacity constraints at the Port of Brisbane which is operating at capacity and experiencing considerable traffic congestion;

• Introducing refrigerated freight services and hence presenting new freight opportunities to regional businesses including primary agricultural primary producers around in the west of the region and around the Lockyer Valley.

In addition to these benefits, the investment will support business growth and productivity in South East Queensland by delivering increased access to rail freight transportation along the north-south corridor outside the metropolitan centre.

South East Queensland is one of Australia's fastest growing regions. It accommodates 70% of Queensland's total population and accounts for 62% of the state's economy.

The benefit will extend across South East Queensland, including to businesses operating in southern parts of Brisbane and in the western and northern areas of the region.

This is in addition to the extended benefits to support the increased incoming and outgoing Queensland freight at other transit points along the SCT Logistics network.

Scenic Rim Regional Council

Scenic Rim Regional Council is home to a population of approximately 40,000 spread across a geographic footprint of 4,238sq km.
It is bounded by Ipswich and Logan City in the north, the New South Wales border to the south, the Gold Coast to the east and the Great Dividing Range in the west.
The local government area (LGA) was established in 2008 following the amalgamation of Boonah Shire with the southern section of Beaudesert Shire and parts of Ipswich City.
It is the second fastest growing LGA in South East Queensland per capita and the fourth fastest growing LGA in Queensland.

SCT Logistics

SCT was the first non-government rail company in Australia ending a 140-year monopoly in 1995. Today SCT is the largest private held rail company in Australia with rail activities extending across all sectors of the industry including: interstate and intrastate transport, general and refrigerated freight, mining, agriculture and ports (import/export).

SCT has designed and built the most modern rail freight and intermodal centres in Australia including facilities in Altona and Horsham in Victoria, Parkes in NSW, Penfield in South Australia and Forrestfield in Western Australia.

It operates rail services nationwide including: daily services from Melbourne/Adelaide and Parkes to Perth, daily port shuttles servicing Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth, and daily services Horsham to Melbourne.

Bromelton State Development Area

The 15,000-hectare Bromelton State Development Area (SDA) is located about six kilometres west of Beaudesert.

The site was declared as a development area in 2008 to provide for the growing demand for land for industrial development in SEQ, and development scheme for the site was gazetted in 2012.

Bromelton SDA is the only greenfields industrial development site in South East Queensland for with access to the both National Standard and Queensland gauge rail infrastructure, providing connectivity to Sydney and Brisbane on the existing coastal rail network.

About 1800 hectares of the Bromelton SDA footprint has been earmarked for industrial development. Industries already established within the Bromelton SDA include: Gelita gelatine factory, AJ Bush and Sons Rendering Plant, quarrying operations and Council's landfill facility. Stage One of Bromelton is 1,052 hectares with a developed value of $5 billion.