Appendix A.7 Stakeholder & Community Engagement



### **SRAIP COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & PUBLIC NOTIFICATION**

### **Stakeholder Engagement**

### Stakeholder Engagement Prior to Submission of the Draft IAR

Prior to lodgement of the Draft IAR, the following stakeholder engagement was undertaken:

1. Presentations to the Scenic Rim Regional Council on 15 May 2017 (closed session) and 26 November 2018 (open session).

In relation to the first meeting, the intention was to provide background to the vision of the SRAIP, planning issues and how Kalfresh intended to appropriately deal with the known key issues of the proposal.

The identified issues and solutions discussed in this meeting are outlined below. As evident, the final solutions proposed as part of this SRAIP proposal do not differ significantly from those originally put forward in Council meeting in May 2017.

### **Issue 1: Flood Concerns**

Site is located adjacent to two major flow paths that flood (Overland flow path to NW and creek to SW of site)

**Engineering Solution:** 

- The current Kalfresh site did not flood in 2011, 2013 or 2017
- Site to be filled (where required) to provide allotments above major storm flood levels
- 50m wide drainage corridor proposed to NW to divert existing overland flows
- Compensatory filling so doesn't have a flood impact upstream or downstream

Flood Study Completed which confirms an engineering solution can adequately manage flood waters and the proposed development would have no material impact on downstream or upstream neighbours

### Issue 2: Traffic Concerns

Subdivision access from Cunningham Highway.

Engineering Solution:

- Proposed new subdivision access road from Frazerview Rd (not direct from Cunningham Highway) and an upgraded access with turning lanes at the north of the site.

Improved safety to public – new intersection proposed to the SRAIP / Frazerview Quarry

### Issue 3: How to ensure the integrity of the precinct is maintained



When lots are sold, there is a need to ensure the integrity of the precinct is maintained i.e. the precinct is for agricultural related activities.

Solution: Proposed to have covenants for each lot to ensure the character is maintained for 'agricultural related activities' only.

### Issue 4: How to mitigate the stormwater treatment issue

Subdivision will require water quality and quantity controls.

Solution: Internal road to convey all development runoff to treatment area

### Issue 5: How to mitigate the sewer reticulation issue

Sewer system and treatment at isolated location

Engineering Solution:

- Sewer reticulation gravity system proposed
- Sewer on site treatment plant proposed
- Trunk Sewer main to site therefore not required.

### Issue 6: How to mitigate the water reticulation issue

Source of water supply for potable and non-potable water

Engineering solution:

- Domestic / industry (potable) water reticulation system proposed from bore water
- Firefighting water (non-potable) supply for subdivision provided from fire water tanks
- Since the coordinated designation was received in May 2019, Kalfresh remained in close and regular contact with officers and elected representatives from Scenic Rim Regional Council. These informal discussions kept SRRC up to date on the coordinated project progress, particularly around key issues of employment and social impact modelling, renewable energy and infrastructure requirements.
- 3. Discussions with the local State Member (Jon Krause MP) and Federal Member (Scott Buchholz MP) who are supportive of the proposed development
- Ongoing discussions are occurring with local farmers who will ultimately be involved in supplying businesses occupied in the SRAIP (crop growers for the Kalfresh facilities) who have indicated initial support for the proposed SRAIP

### **Community Action Plan**

As committed to in the IAS, a Community Action Plan (CAP) was developed as part of this IAR process.

The CAP for the SRAIP was as follows:

- Letters to adjoining owners regarding the proposed SRAIP, where to find details on the IAR and how to have their say on the development (regulatory notification requirement)
- Public signs on the Cunningham Highway frontage of the site advertising the proposed SRAIP, where to find details on the IAR and how to have their say on the development (regulatory notification requirement)
- Ads in the local newspapers surrounding the SRAIP advertising the proposed SRAIP, where to find details on the IAR and how to have their say on the development (regulatory notification requirement)
- Hard copies of the draft IAR application in all local libraries within close proximity to the SRAIP (regulatory notification requirement)

- Following the preceding actions, the notification period will commence for a period of six weeks to enable members of the public to review the draft IAR application and have their say via formal submissions
- Due to the restrictions relating to COVID-19, Kalfresh will co-ordinate a number of stakeholder engagement sessions via web-based consultation platforms. These sessions would be limited to small, manageable numbers and could be grouped by interest group/interest area. RPS and relevant consultants will be available to respond to questions. These sessions will be scheduled to meet community demand.
- Kalfresh will also ensure information about the SRAIP is available on their website and will make available key staff to respond to enquiries, either via phone, email, or video link.
- Kalfresh will engage with local community and interest groups, including growers, suppliers, industry bodies, and the Chambers of Commerce.
- The Kalfresh directors have maintained close contact with the Scenic Rim Regional Council and will continue to keep Council staff, and the new Council, informed regarding SRAIP plans.
- Formal submissions, community feedback from the zoom sessions and community enquiries will be managed and tracked by Kalfresh, RPS and the Coordinator General office as the project progresses.

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### **MEMO**

Date:7 July 2020To:Coordinator General – Sam Redman and Kate WeirFrom:RPS – Craig Harte and Chiara TowlerRegarding:SRAIP – Public Consultation Summary of Actions

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### MEMO

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If you have any questions or need further clarification on the above, please do not hesitate to contact the writer on the details below or Craig Harte on (07) 3437 2003.

Yours sincerely, For RPS

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1	637 Frazerview Road, Frazerview QLD 4309	14SP229448	Zanow Earth Movers Pty Ltd	54 Oxford St, North Booval QLD 4304	Pricefinder
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Zanow Earth Movers Pty Ltd 54 Oxford St, NORTH BOOVAL QLD 4304

Dear Zanow Earth Movers Pty Ltd

### 6200-6206 Cunningham Highway, Kalbar

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### **Postal address**



# Make a submission from 18 May 2020 to 26 June 2020

# Scenic Rim Agricultural Industrial Precinct (SRAIP) – 'Coordinated Project'



Submissions must:

> be made to the Coordinator-General in writing or electronically

> be received on or before the last day of the consultation period

> be signed by each person making the submission > state the names and addresses of each person making the submission, state the grounds and the supporting facts and circumstances.





# Where

6200-6206 Cunningham Highway, Kalbar QLD 4309



On

Lot 1 RP216694, Lots 2-4 SP192221, Lot 2 RP20974, and Lot 2 RP44024



Approval sought

Preliminary Approval for Variation Request to override the Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020, Development Permits for Material Change of Use, Reconfiguring a Lot and Operational Works, and Environmental Authority for Environmentally Relevant Activities



Number of lots > 16 agricultural industrial allotments, ranging in size from 2,000m<sup>2</sup> to 5ha



# For further information & submissions to

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https://haveyoursay.dsd.qld.gov.au/coordinatorgeneral/SRAIP > Email: SRAIP@coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au > **Post**: Attention: The Coordinator-General c/ Project Manager, Scenic Rim Agricultural Industrial Precinct project, Coordinated Project Delivery, Office of the Coordinator-General, PO Box 15517, City East QLD 4002, Australia

**Building height** > 15m on Lots 1-9 and 16, and up to 35m on Lots 10-15



Setbacks > 6m to Cunningham Highway

# > View the Application

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**Gross floor area** > Maximum of 225,000m<sup>2</sup>







































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#### **Brisbane Airport** Notice of consultation Brisbane Airport 2020 Prescribed Airspace Draft

In accordance with Guidelines for the Declaration of Prescribed Airspace under the Airports (Protection of Airspace) regulations 1996 (Cth), Brisbane Airport Corporation Pty Ltd (BAC) advises that the Brisbane Airport 2020 Prescribed Airspace Draft is available for review and comment for FORSTER, M. M. LINDENMAYER, G. A. MCMENIMAN, N. P. McNAUGHT, A. D. PURTELL, D. I. T REYNOLDS, R. P. RIGBY, M. RODEN, R. A. SCOTT. D. A. SMITH, L. E. STANSBIE, B. J. STANTON, S. STEPHENSON, G. J. ST JOHN, E. J. VESTERBERG, S. S. WADDELL, E. C.

BOWKETT,

William Thomas (Bill)

on 10th May, 2020. Aged 92.

Loved and missed by

Nancy. Loved Father of

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Deaths McNAUGHT.

> Allan Douglas 5.5.1945 - 8.5.2020

Treasured husband of Léone. Much loved and loving father and father-inlaw of Douglas and Cindy, Murray and Joanne. Loved step-father to Caroline, Bruce, Andrew, Cameron, Lisa, Katie, Jessica and Diesel. Precious grandpa of Hugh, George, James and Grace. Loved brother of Rosslyn Hetherington.

After a brave fight, Allan passed away peacefully with Léone by his side. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, we'll be having a private family service, but his funeral service will be live streamed.

He will be sadly missed by his family and his many, many friends.

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PURTELL. **Doris Isabel Thelma** (nee Armanasco) 24.01.1921 - 12.05.2020 Aged 99 Years Beloved Sister of Ernest Desmond "Des' Armanasco (dec) and Sister-in-law of Flo. Loved Aunt of all her Nephews, Nieces and their Families. While she lies in peaceful sleep, her memories shall be kept by all. Condolences to our

Cousins. Rest in Leace Aunțy Dorrie

#### REYNOLDS, **Robin Patricia**

Passed away Saturday 9th May 2020. Beloved mother of Lisa and grandsons Cameron and Jared. Will be missed and forever in our hearts.

Private service to be held. **RIGBY**, Margaret

Late of Janoah Gardens Retirement Village Manly West. Passed away peacefully on the 9th of May 2020 Aged 94 years

Much loved Wife of Graham KIDD (decd) and Les RIGBY (decd). Loved Mother and Mother-in-Law of Jack & Cheryl KIDD of Tin Can Bay, Peter & Dianne KIDD of Cairns, and Christine KIDD & Pauline GAVEN of Manly. Loved Nanny of her six Grandchildren and Great Nanny of her six Great

> Privately cremated in accordance with her wishes.

Forever in our hearts.

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CHAPMAN, Brian Victor Of Cannon Hill Passed away

Much loved Mother and Mother in law of Kieran and Lilv. Elizabeth and Peter, Richard and Becky. Loving Grandmother of Imogen, Bella, Lily, Aubrey Indy, Joseph, Finn and Matilda.

FORSTER. -

Maureen Margaret

Late of Holland Park, formerly of Coorparoo.

Passed away peacefully,

8th May 2020. Aged 83 years. Beloved Wife of Noel (dec)

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### **Neil Patrick** Late of Kenmore.

Passed away on Monday, 11th May, 2020. Aged 76 years.



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**Lois Florence** nee Eggins

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At Melbourne, in the presence of her husband Graeme and other family members.

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In accordance with her wishes, Andrea was cremated privately on 11 May 2020.

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Grandchildren.

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Aged 82 Years.

Loving Husband of Beverley, Father of Sheridan and Dale.

Our family would like to thank the staff and Dr Ali at Eaglesfield Medical Pharmacy, Priceline Centre. Beaudesert Hospital, Ambulance Staff, Jymbilung House and Whiddon Star for their love and care of Max.

A Private Service has been held.



### POOLE, Walter Nigel (Wally)

Of Kerry

Passed away suddenly on 11th May 2020.

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### ZOOM INFORMATION CALL - JUNE 11

15 information requests received via Kalfresh website during consultation period.

- · 6 participants for Zoom call
- Positive Feedback regarding the proposal. Questions regarding composting + opportunities for local landowners
- Phonecall with McVeigh Consultants regarding opportunities
- · Phonecall with Finn Biogas regarding opportunities
- Phonecall/Emails with Boonah Chamber of Commerce (RG & DK to present at the July 22 chamber meeting)

### **COMMUNITY INFORMATION MORNING - JUNE 13**

- Kalbar School of Arts 8am to noon
- Approx. 30 people attended during the morning
- · Largely positive feedback and enquiry
- Questions regarding agricultural opportunities, highway access, renewable energy plan, employment opportunities.

### MEETING WITH KELLY SKEWES BOONAH HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE OFFICER - JUNE 17

 Discussion regarding the precinct proposal, opportunities for youth employment and training + explore opportunities for existing collaboration and training

### **KALFRESH STAFF & GROWING PARTNERS**

- Face-to-face Information Sessions with Kalfresh Staff
- Face-to-face Information Sessions with Kalfresh
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The proposed Scenic Rim Agricultural Industrial Precinct will create a hub for value-added food production in the fertile Fassifern Valley at Kalbar.

#### The precinct proposal includes plans for:

- 1.6MW (scalable to 10MW) renewable
- Composting facility
  Manufacturing plants for vegetable processing
- Upgraded intersection to the Cunningham
- businesses & other food and beverage value-adding businesses
- Agricultural museum & education centre

### Fully developed\* the precinct will:

- 572 indirect jobs
- Scenic Rim economy



### **Local Jobs and Regional Investment**

We're hosting a series of information sessions to share our vision for an integrated agricultural industrial precinct on the Cunningham Highway at Kalbar.

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Kalbar School of Arts 63 Edward St, Kalbar Saturday 13 June 8.30am to 12 noon (Please note we will be observing COVID-19 physical distancing regulations)

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A scene from the staging area in the carpark below Mt Maroon as emergency services personnel anticipate a manual rescue of an injured hiker.

### NEWS

### Hiker fall prompts 'go prepared' warning

### by WENDY CREIGHTON

A 'slip and fall' by an inexperienced bushwalker on a mountain slope resulted in a large emergency services response on Sunday.

A call for help was received around 3.40pm, alerting police and rescue services that a 30year-old man had fallen a 'significant distance' on Mt Maroon.

Polair and Rescue 500 helicopter crews were called in to first find the injured hiker and then to attempt to winch him out.

Meanwhile, the Scenic Rim SES, Boonah and Kalbar Police, the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services vertical rescue team and the Queensland Ambulance Service were also called in as it was uncertain whether it would be possible to winch the man out of the mountainous terrain.

Sen Constable Josh Piper and Constable Chris Farnan were at the scene.

"Initially, it seemed that the Rescue 500 crew would not be able to winch him out due to the terrain," Sen Const Piper reported.

"However, the crew made one last attempt and were successful."

The hiker was treated at the scene for a broken wrist.

The rescue led police to warn bushwalkers to 'go prepared' when bushwalking in the mountains of the Scenic Rim.

"First check the route you plan to follow and note the time that it is expected to take to walk in and then back to your car," Const Farnan said.

"Check that the hike you are planning is suited to your experience and fitness level.

"Arrive in plenty of time to return well before night fall and carry a fully charged mobile phone. Also make sure you are wearing the proper clothes for hiking and have a hat and plenty of water with you."

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#### her paddock.

The three were looking a little ratty and are full of burs but were in good health.

Lynn said she was surprised the ram and two ewes had survived so long with all the wild dogs around.

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### Year 7 enrolments for 2021 open at McAuley College

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"Since our first year, we have grown exponentially from 38 to 210 students," said Principal Deidre Young.

"Our reputation as a small and supportive community has seen much interest in the local and wider community.

"Excitingly, this means we are in the process of finalising our Year 7 places for 2021, and we look forward to welcoming this new cohort of 75 students next year."

Ms Young said McAuley College students flourish in a school culture that encourages the development of the whole person – academically, physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

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dents and parents, so we are best placed to respond to the needs of each individual student.

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### NEWS

### Information morning for Kalbar Agricultural Precinct

YOU can find out more about the Scenic Rim Agricultural Industrial Precinct proposal this Saturday at Kalbar.

The proponents, Kalfresh Pty Ltd, are hosting an information morning at the Kalbar School of Arts on Saturday (June 13) from 8.30am to noon.

Kalfresh CEO Richard Gorman says everyone is welcome to drop in, find out more and ask questions.

"Our draft plan is currently being considered by the Queensland Co-ordinator General and is also open for public consultation until June 26," he says.

"Our proposal seeks to create a hub for value-added food production in the Fassifern Valley, on a 40ha site adjoining our existing facility.

"We also have plans for an innovative waste-to-energy power facility which would turn food and urban waste into electricity to power the precinct and stabilise the grid."

The Kalfresh proposal includes plans for an upgraded intersection to the Cunningham Highway, and the potential for rural service businesses and other food and beverage value-adding businesses to base themselves in the region where the ingredients are grown.

There are also plans to establish a Scenic Rim farming museum and education centre on the site, which will celebrate the region's agricultural story past and present.

"Fully developed, and with third party investment, the Precinct will support more than 1,000 operational jobs," says Mr Gorman.

"We understand that the local community may have questions about what we are proposing and we welcome them to come and meet us on Saturday and find out more."

The Kalfresh owners and planning consultants will be at the Kalbar School of Arts on Saturday from 8.30am to noon. Drop by to find out more (COVID crowd protocols will be observed).

If you wish to make a submission on the project you can do that online at haveyoursay.dsd.qld.gov.au/coordinatorgeneral/sraip/



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NEWS

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## \$50m Scenic Rim ag precinct revealed in detail

### by DREW CREIGHTON

A PROPOSED \$50M manufacturing hub for value-added food production in the Scenic Rim is in the early stages of becoming a reality.

Kalfresh Pty Ltd's proposal for a Scenic Rim Agricultural Industrial Precinct on a 40 hectare site on the Cunningham Highway near Kalbar is open for public comment.

At full capacity, the precinct could create up to 2,000 direct and indirect jobs and would add more than \$140 million to the value of the Scenic Rim economy each year.

Kalfresh CEO, Richard Gorman, said the region had a long history of agricultural production and was once a powerhouse of food production.

"Our local area has been home to a butter factory, milk processors and a canning factory," Mr Gorman said.

"We want to return to this concept of value-adding the raw ingredients in the region where they grow, to create employment opportunities for local people and diversify the opportunities for local farmers to sell their produce.

"With a large and growing population living on our doorstep in South East Queensland, we are confident the Ag Precinct will reinvigorate the Australian food manufacturing and processing sector.

"Our vision is to enhance the productivity of the fertile South East Queensland food bowls by opening up new customer opportunities to producers, and in turn strengthening their resilience through diversification."

A draft Impact Assessment Report for the project was lodged with the Queensland Office of the Coordinator General and is available for public comment until June 26, 2020.

If given the tick of approval the hub would make the Scenic Rim a focal point for agricultural production when it comes to packing and processing.

And it comes at a time when there is an increased call for food se-



Kalfresh CEO Richard Gorman with CFO David Krause.



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curity in Australia.

THE KALFRESH proposal estimates the first stages of the project would create 126 direct jobs during the projected two-year construction period and 60 jobs during operation.

"The project would require a \$26 million injection to develop the site, \$19 million for a bio-energy plant and Kalfresh would undertake a \$5 million expansion for organic and snack vegetable facilities," Mr Gorman said.

"It is also open to further capital investment of up to \$230 million, allowing additional food production and manufacturing businesses to set up in the precinct."

The company estimates that could add up to an additional 500 construction jobs and up to 400 operational jobs.

It also estimates the precinct would add \$140.5 million operational gross value to the Scenic Rim economy annually.

Kalfresh CFO, David Krause, said the precinct would benefit producers of any size.

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PREMIER Annastacia Palaszczuk announced in Parliament yesterday that the government was progressing approvals for Kalfresh to develop the 40 hectare site into an integrated agricultural industrial plant which included a waste to energy facility beside their existing operations at Kalbar.

"A strong agricultural sector is crucial to a strong Queensland economy," the Premier said.

"As we focus on our Covid-19 recovery, our mining and agricultural sectors are acting as stabilisers for Queensland's economy and for the nation."

Minister for State Development, Kate Jones, said the Co-ordinator General in May 2019 declared the project a co-ordinated project to facilitate a thorough review and evaluation process.

"As part of this process, Kalfresh has prepared the draft Impact Assessment Report (IAR), which is now open for comment.

"The Co-ordinator General has invited the public and all stakeholders to have their say on the draft IAR and the potential impacts of the project."



### NEWS

### \$50m Scenic Rim ag precinct revealed in detail

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"Our industry is facing many challenges and producers must grow more efficient to remain competitive," Mr Krause said.

"Our vision is to create a precinct where the raw ingredients could be turned into a range of value-added products – frozen, fresh, dried, baby food and juice. This in turn allows farmers to sell more of their crop and reduce food waste."

THE AG PRECINCT'S Australian first bio-energy plant would generate renewable energy by turning urban and food waste into gas to generate electricity to power the Precinct and provide grid stabilisation in the local area.

Working on anaerobic digestion, the plant would be delivered by Kalfresh in

partnership with Australian waste and renewable energy companies.

The facility would be capable of converting almost 40,000 tonnes of waste from landfill a year to create energy with a by-product of commercial-grade organic fertiliser for use in cropping.

Mr Gorman said the proposal would seek to eliminate as much waste as possible. Kalfresh CEO Richard Gorman with CFO David Krause.

Photo DREW CREIGHTON

"We are very excited about the innovative nature of what we have proposed and our investigations suggest this closed-loop system will be an Australian first, and potentially one of only a few systems of this kind in the world."

THE KALFRESH PROPOSAL for the Scenic Rim Agricultural Industrial Precinct includes plans for an Agriculture and Farming Museum.

The Museum would educate and celebrate the region's agricultural history from settlement through to now.

Kalfresh CFO, David Krause, says the proposed Precinct would create new opportunities for innovation and would open up new markets for producers and related support industries.

"The Scenic Rim is ideally located between Brisbane, Beaudesert, Ipswich and Toowoomba and has a reputation as one of Australia's most fertile farming regions," he says.

Kalfresh will offer online information sessions to discuss the precinct proposal. Register your interest at www.kalfresh.com.au

### Councillor comment - Cr Duncan McInnes

THE NEW Council was sworn in recently with a difference this time due to Covid-19. It was done remotely.

Congratulations go to my fellow councillors and mayor for being elected. We should also say thanks to those who stood and were unsuccessful. Democracy is alive and well when we have people who are prepared to give the community choice in their elected officials.

Thanks to former councillors Nigel Waistell, Nadia O'Carroll and Rick Stanfield for their contribution in the previous Council.

At the first Council Meeting I was elected Deputy Mayor and I thank my fellow councillors for their confidence in me to fulfill this role.



OVER THE coming weeks we will be contemplating the upcoming budget. With the effect of Covid-19 on government at all levels as well as individuals it will be a harder task than usual in delivering a fair and equitable budget in these difficult times.

Local businesses have had to deal with the effects of bushfires, drought and now Covid-19 and they need the help of fellow local residents to ensure they survive and are viable moving forward.

My information is that we have

had only four cases of Covid-19 in the Scenic Rim Regional Council area and all persons have recovered.

COUNCIL ARE at present putting the finishing touches on updating playgrounds at Kalbar and Harrisville and I know locals will be pleased when these facilities are available to use.

Also, it's great to see the refurbishment of the Kalbar Civic Centre and surrounds.

Thanks to the Fassifern Lions Club in securing grant money and others who were involved in this project. A credit to the Kalbar community.

AT LAST WEEK'S Council Meeting the latest Community Grants were approved.

Amongst the beneficiaries were the Harrisville & District Historical Society, Hayes Oval, Kalbar Progress Association and the Peak Crossing Hall Committee.

PEOPLE TRAVELLING on Munbilla Road will notice the work being undertaken on the corner at Milora. Council is undertaking this project with financial help from the Federal Government.

This work was announced last year and thanks must go to our local Federal member Scott Buchholz's representation on this matter.

Please ensure that you obey the speed limits.

If you need to contact me I'm available on ...

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### REBIRTHING A FOOD POWERHOUSE

#### IT TAKES courage to achieve change. Like the courage of the Gorman family and others behind a move to establish a giant food production hub on the Cunningham Highway near Kalbar.

Or the courage of Toowoomba's Wagner family who have announced plans to build a major entertainment centre close to their Wellcamp Airport.

Depending on the size of the change, of course, it also takes money.

The six-year-old Wellcamp airport - Australia's first public airport development in more than 50 years and the first to be privately-funded -is estimated to have cost \$200 million. While the Wagner's proposed entertainment centre has been costed at \$100 million.

By comparison, the cost of the Kalfresh Pty Ltd's proposed food processing hub - or more correctly the 40ha Scenic Rim Agricultural Industrial Precinct - comes in at a seemingly more modest \$50 million.

Though there will also be an opportunity for further capital investment of up to \$230 million to establish additional food production and manufacturing businesses in the precinct.

Not everyone, however, welcomes change. Sometimes it can turn dreams into nightmares. Like the development of a quarry near your home, or a highway or railway bisecting your land or swallowing your home completely.

Yet change is also the essence of life. Without it there is no growth, only stagnation.

The Kalfresh plan, as outlined in last week's Guardian, does not disrupt lifestyle. Rather it offers an inspiring future of growth for our rural industries. In a way, it seeks to rebirth the benefits of yesteryear conveyed by Boonah's butter, milk, and canning factories that once, in the words of the company's CEO Richard Gorman, made the region 'a powerhouse of food production'.

He explains: 'We want to return to this concept of value-adding the raw ingredients in the region where they grow, to create employment opportunities for local people and diversify the local opportunities for local farmers to sell their produce."

Included in the cost of the project would be \$19 million for a bio-energy plant which would generate renewable energy by turning urban and food waste into gas to generate electricity to power the precinct. Itself a potential Australian first.

At full capacity it is estimated the food hub could create up to 2,000 direct and indirect jobs and boost the value of the Scenic Rim economy by more than \$140 million a year.

Unlike the Wagner family's self-funded Toowoomba entertainment centre, the Kalfresh company will have to seek funding for its visionary food hub project - conceived before the Covid-19 crisis plunged us into an economic quagmire.

But now the need for governments to encourage job-creating projects to help free us from that swamp might prove advantageous for the Kalfresh project.

We are told that all levels of government, politicians and bureaucrats are working hard to get the economy moving. And what better way than to help the birth of a project that strengthens our food security at a time when it is under challenge from the Chinese Communist Government.

The sudden imposts blocking our exports of barley and beef to China are reported to have been the result of long-smouldering issues. But there is no doubt that Prime Minister Scott Morrison's push for an international inquiry into the origins of Covid-19 in China triggered that move.

An earlier bullying reaction by Chinese Ambassador, Jingye Cheng, who suggested that Chinese people could boycott Australian beef and wine, or visits to Australia, made his Government's resentment obvious

It has been followed by reported threats to cut off Australia's \$63 billion iron ore export trade to China.

All of this, just six months after the China Mengniu Dairy Company - a Communist Government-backed, \$25 billion dairy giant - made a successful \$1.5 billion takeover of Tasmania's organic infant formula company, Bellamy's.

It happened after the Australian company had struggled for 20 months to have its product approved for sale in China.

Foreign Investment Review Board conditions for the takeover require the former Tasmanian company to: Remain headquartered in Australia for a decade, to invest at least \$12 million in infant milk formula processing facilities in Victoria, and to be run by a 'majority Australian board' - defined as mostly 'Australian citizens'.

Of course, in 2016 the FIRB also approved the \$280 million sale of the 'Van Diemen's Land' dairy business to Chinese businessman Xianfeng Lu.

When events like these are viewed against the backdrop of China's latest bellicosity it is a disturbing scenario. Especially as we begin to emerge from the shadows of Covid-19.

Governments need to be more flexible in finding projects that will create jobs and boost the economy. If, in so doing, they can help launch projects that will help secure the future of our food industry then so much the better.

# Fassifern Guardian EDITORIAL

## WAS FAITH STRONGER

### THAN COVID-19?

A BRISBANE TV station last week screened footage of a Louisiana church service that was held in defiance of a State ban on crowd gatherings, imposed as part of the fight against Covid-19.

The recorded incident dates to a US Sunday on March 30, when 1,265 parishioners were reported to have attended morning services at the Life Tabernacle Church in Baton Rouge.

This was in contrast to Catholic churches which cancelled Masses and switched to virtual services. Many Protestant churches were reported to have done the same. But with nothing like the impact of Pentecostal Pastor Tony Spell and his Life Tabernacle Church.

It was a religious rebellion that, not unnaturally, attracted the ire of those observing Covid-19 restrictions who felt that Christians should show more love and care for others. Instead, they stood accused of potentially imperilling the health of others.

As a result, more than 9,400 people signed an online petition calling for Spell to be prosecuted.

And a number of the Life Tabernacle Faithful lost their jobs.

And no wonder. According to media reports close to three dozen people in rural Arkansas who attended a church event earlier in March tested positive for the virus. In the same month, 43 people showed symptoms following a service at a church in the Chicago suburbs, and 10 had tested positive two days before Pastor Spell's service.

Despite this, at that March 30 service - after temperature checks at the church door, the offering of hand sanitizers, and a smattering of mask-wearing members - Pastor Spell leapt from his pulpit into the pews and paraded, hugged and laid hands on worshipers' foreheads in prayer.

He told the media: "We're being persecuted for our faith.

He told his congregation: "We're free people. We're not going to be intimidated. We're not going to cower. We're not breaking any laws."

It did not seem to occur to any of them that members were being removed from their jobs to reduce the risk of transmitting Covid-19 to co-workers who were observing the health safety restrictions.

Which raises the question: How many of their church members, if any, have been infected or died of Covid-19 in the seven weeks since that report?

Trying to find the answer to that question is needle-In-the-haystack stuff. The only subsequent stories to emerge on the Internet were an April report claiming that one of the church's older members had died of the virus - and its almost immediate rebuttal, Pastor Spell labelling it 'fake news'.

So, was the faith of the Baton Rouge Pentecostals stronger than the Covid-19 virus? Or is this another example of how statistical record-keeping can often become confused or lost in the environment of a pandemic?

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