

Dear YRA Members,

FOR YOUR URGENT ATTENTION

The protection of industry separation distances is about to be removed from the State Planning Bill.

In a nutshell, industry separation distances determine just how close dangerous and hazardous industries are allowed to our homes.

This very critical protection which was put in place by our State Government in 2010 is now about to be removed in the new Draft Planning Bill 2015 which is currently available to the public for consultation before it is submitted to Parliament.

To see the Bill please read this link <http://www.dilgp.qld.gov.au/resources/planning/better-planning/draft-planning-bill-2015.pdf>

This will not only affect the rights of residents of Yatala and Ormeau but also all of Queensland, rest assured however Yatala and Ormeau will be most affected as we will have one of the largest industry areas in Queensland if not Australia.

If you want to have a say in this consultation, click on this YRA link <http://www.yatala.info/take-action.html> to see just how easy it is to say **NO** to **this monumentally unfair change**, all the work has been done for you all you have to do is copy and paste your submission into your email and send it to bestplanning@dilgp.qld.gov.au, it will cost you nothing just a few minutes of your time.

Democracy provides a wonderful opportunity for ordinary people to have a say in our governments decisions. When people do not participate they may well end up with unpleasant outcomes which they do not agree with and which do not truly reflect the general populations expectations.

Your voice is desperately needed. To give you an example there were only a total of 2,401 submissions to the Draft Gold Coast City Plan 2015, the population of the Gold Coast on June 30 2014 was 546,067, this is **less than one half a percent** of the population bothered to put in a submission. Please look at the Newspaper article in the attachment, warning residents and asking them to put in a submission and be aware that it is **this Draft Planning Bill which governs** the outcomes of Council City Plans throughout Queensland, if we all do nothing we will end up with what is contained in that article.

The population of Ormeau and Yatala in the 2011 census is 15,898 many of the residents have friends and relatives elsewhere on the Gold Coast, Brisbane and throughout Queensland, please pass this information on to your friends and relatives and ask them to also put in a submission as only a response in the hundreds of thousands is likely to have any effect on the final decision.

Remember we are not telling our Government that we do not want industry, we are just saying that we want Government and Councils to give us all certainty by sticking to the Industry Designations in the original Government approved Council local area plans, and not constantly move the goal posts and in this case doing away with goal posts altogether.

NOTE: Councillor Donna Gates, Deputy Mayor and Div 1 Councillor GCCC and Mr Mark Boothman MP, State Member for Albert are also being copied in on this email, as we are asking them for their further support in advising the entire community to have a say on this draft Planning Policy.

YRA acknowledges that Councillor Gates and Gold Coast City Council in general have done the right thing by the community in the way they have zoned the original Zone Map-ZM6 Ormeau Hills, in that they have shown exactly where low impact, medium impact and high impact industries are to be located. Councillor Gates has also been brutally honest in her assessment of what will unfold in the 11 June Newspaper article:

DELETION OF INDUSTRY SEPARATION DISTANCES FROM THE STATE PLANNING POLICY WILL UNDERMINE THE ZONES COUNCIL MAPS HAVE IN PLACE.

We would greatly appreciate the help from our two elected representatives in trying to reach as many people as possible in communication the issue to ensure that **everyone is encouraged to put in a submission opposing the deletion of separation distances.**

If this legislation goes through unchallenged, there will be absolutely nothing more that the YRA can do in the future so this may well be the last email from the YRA committee.

More information is available on <http://www.yatala.info/>

Best regards,

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On behalf of the YRA Committee



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