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**From:** Johnson, Kenneth  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 26, 2016 2:44 PM  
**To:** Swiecki, John  
**Cc:** Capasso, Julia; Ibarra, Angel  
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**From:** Elizabeth Weber [\[mailto:elizabeth.weber@brisbane.qld.gov.au\]](mailto:elizabeth.weber@brisbane.qld.gov.au)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 26, 2016 2:40 PM  
**To:** Johnson, Kenneth  
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Dear Members of the Planning Commission,

I am writing a comment that I hope will be included in the discussion of the Brisbane Baylands Development Project public hearing.

Approximately, 15 years ago, my husband inherited several parcels of underwater land that the proposed Baylands development will be built around. For purely sentimental reasons my husband was content to keep this property. However, several years ago, a School Referendum was passed that increased the taxes on this (for all intents and purposes) useless property to over \$600 a year.

We have made repeated phone calls and attempts to resolve this problem by the following methods: 1) Donating the property back to the city of Brisbane. 2) Getting the taxes waived. 3) Looking into the Baylands Development project being required to purchase all the underwater lots.

At this point, we have been told that our only course of action is to simply stop paying taxes and let the city seize this property for "non-payment of taxes." This would adversely affect our credit and rubs us the wrong way. We are citizens interested in contributing our fair share of taxes and do not want to be put in a situation where our only way out is to default. This seems inefficient and unjust.

Please consider the needs of the unfortunate underwater property owners and arrange a legal and fair resolution to this situation.

With appreciation,  
Elizabeth Weber (wife of property owners Terrence J. Lee)