



# THE XERCES SOCIETY

## FOR INVERTEBRATE CONSERVATION

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nonprofit organization  
that protects wildlife  
through the conservation of  
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Brisbane City Council  
50 Park Place  
Brisbane, CA 94005

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Dear Mayor Conway and Members of the Brisbane City Council:

The Xerces Society is a nonprofit organization that protects wildlife through the conservation of invertebrates and their habitat. We are writing to ask that the Council vote 'No' to proceed with the pending Brookfield Home's development because of its impact on two endangered species of butterfly, the Mission blue and the Callippe silverspot.

Both of these butterflies are highly endangered and occur only in the San Francisco Bay area. These species have not yet gone extinct, in part, because of the undisturbed grassland habitat that remains on San Bruno Mountain. The proposed Brookfield Home housing development is slated to occur within the habitat of both the Callippe silverspot and the Mission blue, and, if allowed to proceed, could easily drive these vulnerable species to extinction.

The Environmental Impact Report upon which this action is based is out of date and should not be approved. We suggest that any development that is allowed should not occur on the habitat of any endangered butterfly.

Sincerely,

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Endangered Species Program Director  
The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation

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