

2023-2024

STATE BUDGET

Pre-Budget Submission



INTRODUCTION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Ipswich's increasing population and available land for infrastructure presents key opportunities for State investment. Ipswich is the oldest provincial city in Queensland. It is also the fastest growing, with a projected growth of 170 per cent by 2041, making it home to 557,649 people.

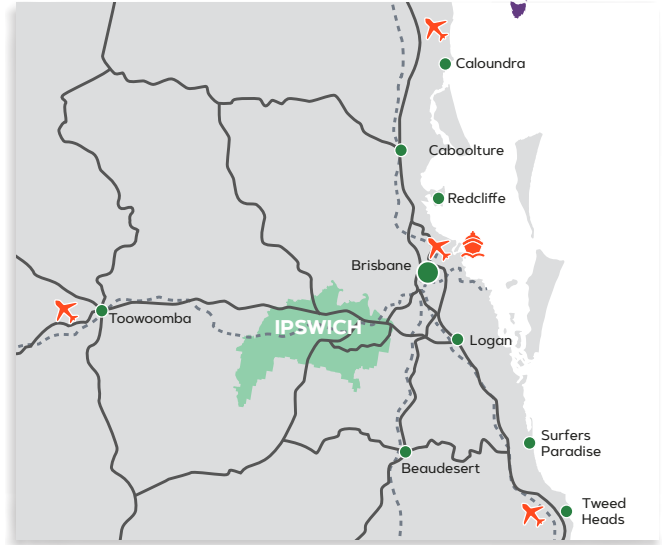
Our community vision is to become 'a city of opportunity for all'.

Located in the heart of South-East Queensland, where four highways meet the emergence of the city as a national logistics hub has highlighted that vehicle movements into, around and through the city have provided some challenges. While there are benefits to the residents, with an ever increasing population, both within and around SEQ, council is working hard to attract and deliver a liveable and dynamic city for its community. Council has adopted an evidence-based approach in determining its priority projects which are catalytic and region-shaping opportunities.

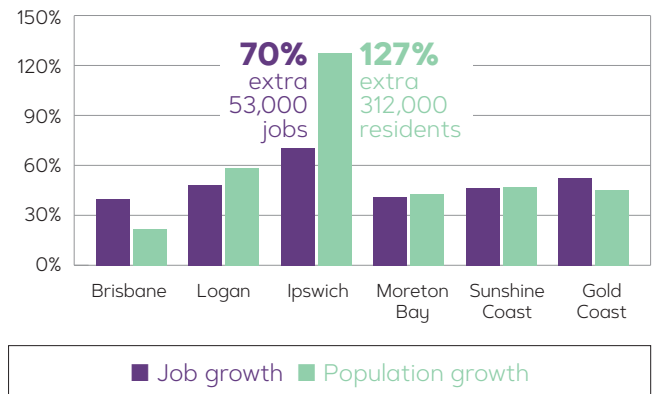
These major infrastructure projects require investment from the State Government to address our underserved road and public transport corridors, the impacts from the growth in the city and those from external influences or pressure. Investment towards our priority projects from the State Government will improve liveability, economic productivity and social outcomes across Ipswich and the greater SEQ region.

The City of Ipswich 2023–2024 State Pre-Budget Submission focusses on opportunities for the State Government and Ipswich City to work collaboratively to deliver shared priorities and outcomes.

ABOUT IPSWICH



POPULATION AND JOB GROWTH 2021–2041



Source: Queensland Treasury – Government Statisticians Office

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Ipswich City Council respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners as custodians of the land and waters we share. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging, as the keepers of the traditions, customs, cultures and stories of proud peoples.



CURRENT POPULATION 233,302 RESIDENTS	BY 2041, EXPECTED POPULATION IS 557,649 RESIDENTS
MEDIAN AGE 33	\$12.02 BILLION GROSS REGIONAL PRODUCT
83,540 TOTAL LOCAL JOBS	10,638 LOCAL BUSINESSES

TOP INDUSTRIES (BY FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT)	
1. MANUFACTURING 16.4%	2. HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE 13.5%
3. RETAIL TRADE 10.8%	4. CONSTRUCTION 9.9%

IPSWICH ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

Ipswich City welcomes the opportunity to present our priorities for State Government consideration in the 2023–2024 State Budget:

OPPORTUNITY/PRIORITY	FUNDING/OUTCOME REQUESTED
Ipswich to Springfield Central Public Transport Corridor (I2S)	Following the \$10 million committed in the SEQ City Deal towards this project, Council is seeking \$3.4 million for the Detailed Business Case in FY24/25 of the State Budget to get this project shovel ready.
Ipswich Central Second River Crossing	Council is seeking a \$4 million investment towards the Detailed Business Case. Project on the Infrastructure Priority List.
Ebenezer Regional Industrial Area (ERIA)	Deliver catalytic infrastructure for the ERIA, progress the Inland Rail project and deliver the Ebenezer Intermodal Terminal.
Better Bus Network	\$5 million annual commitment towards two new bus services for Ipswich: a trunk bus route between Ipswich Central and Springfield Central and the expansion of bus services within Redbank Plains.
Waste and Circular Economy Transformation	Comprehensive review and reform of the waste sector. Progress the waste sector priorities under the SEQ City Deal.
Critical and Enabling Infrastructure	Fund critical upgrades to our strategic highway network: Warrego Highway, Cunningham Highway and Centenary highway. Council is seeking the State Government to commit to forward planning the sequencing and delivery of growth for the Ripley Valley Priority Development Area.
North Ipswich Sport and Entertainment Precinct	Council is seeking a \$10 million investment towards Stage 1 project delivery. This will complement the \$20 million secured from the Federal Government.

ALIGNMENT AT STATE AND FEDERAL

This Pre-Budget Submission aligns to State and Federal planning and visioning in presenting opportunities to partner in the delivery of our regionally significant projects. It will advance the Australian Government's 2021 Infrastructure Plan¹ by:

- building a stronger, more secure region
- growing the economy
- enhancing living standards
- ensuring our region delivers world-class infrastructure.

They also compliment the State Infrastructure Strategy 2022², Queensland Government's 20-year vision for infrastructure through its key objectives:

- encourage jobs, growth and productivity
- develop regions, places and precincts
- enhance sustainability and resilience
- adopt smarter approaches.

And further, contributes to the outcomes of the South East Queensland SEQ City Deal³, in transforming the region's future through:

- accelerating future jobs across SEQ
- a faster, more connected SEQ region
- a more liveable SEQ
- create thriving communities for SEQ.

We welcome and look forward to our continued collaboration in achieving a city of opportunity for all.



¹ Australian Infrastructure Plan, 2021, Reforms to meet Australia's future Infrastructure needs

² State Infrastructure Strategy, June 2022, Queensland Government

³ South East Queensland, SEQ City Deal

BUDGET SUBMISSION SUMMARY: A ROADMAP TO A CITY OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

Ipswich is in the heart of South-East Queensland, well positioned between regional Queensland and Brisbane. Its evidence-based approach to identifying its catalytic Regionally Significant Projects define Ipswich's future liveability and prosperity. It is a strategic location for State investment. The Ipswich City Council 2023–2024 Pre-Budget Submission outlines the city's priorities, and opportunities for the State Government to invest to grow the Australian economy and support the Ipswich community. Each priority project is summarised in the below table.

OPPORTUNITY / PRIORITY	FUNDING REQUESTED	THE ASK	THE OUTCOMES
Ipswich to Springfield Central Public Transport Corridor (I2S)	● Following the \$10 million committed in the SEQ City Deal towards this project, council is seeking \$3.4 million for the Detailed Business Case in FY24/25 of the State Budget to get this project shovel ready. Project is listed on the Infrastructure Priority List.	The Federal Government has committed \$3.4 million towards the Ipswich to Springfield Central Public Transport Corridor detailed business case. Council is seeking an identical commitment of \$3.4 million in the FY24/25 of the State Budget to get this project shovel ready. This follows the \$10 million commitment in the SEQ City Deal towards this critical project. The outcome of the Options Analysis currently in development will inform the Detailed Business Case for this public transport corridor between Ipswich and Springfield. Council is also seeking funding provision by the State Government to project delivery in the outer years of the forward estimates within the Budget.	This mass transit solution in the I2S corridor will connect Ipswich to Springfield via Ipswich's residential expansion areas of Ripley and Redbank Plains. The Federal Government has committed \$3.4 million to deliver, together with the State Government and Ipswich City Council, a detailed business case for a public transport corridor between Ipswich and Springfield. The project will inform the delivery of priority infrastructure for the rapidly growing region, which will provide critical public transport services between key regional and local centres, strengthening the ongoing growth and development of the area.
Ipswich Central Second River Crossing	● \$4 million required for a Detailed Business Case. Project is listed on the Infrastructure Priority List.	Council is requesting a \$4 million commitment to support the delivery of a Detailed Business Case to address congestion, flooding impacts and to cater for population growth in the Ipswich CBD. The Ipswich Central Second River Crossing is a new addition to the Infrastructure Australia Priority List. Progressing this project will enable it to move through the gates from Gate 1: Defining Problems and Opportunities to Gate 2: Identifying and Analysing Option.	A multi-modal flood-immune second river crossing in Ipswich Central will future-proof the inner-city road network against population growth, increasing flood risks and unsafe driving conditions due to increasing congestion.
Ebenezer Regional Industrial Area (ERIA)	● Deliver catalytic infrastructure for the ERIA, progress the Inland Rail project and deliver the Ebenezer Intermodal Terminal.	Council is requesting commitment for the provision of activating trunk infrastructure to support the productivity of Inland Rail and the proposed Ebenezer Intermodal Terminal. This catalytic project complements the largest freight rail project in Australia, the Inland Rail. The project is currently in reference design stage which includes the Helidon to Calvert 47km stretch of Inland Rail connecting the east of Toowoomba with the west of Ipswich. The important progress of the Inland Rail will support the development of the Ebenezer Intermodal Terminal and Freight Precinct.	The ERIA is a future industrial area for SEQ. This catalyst infrastructure will enable an employment-generating industrial precinct in support of national supply chains, Inland Rail, and the proposed Ebenezer Intermodal Terminal, while providing trunk infrastructure to nearby residential expansion area. The ERIA will increase economic output, generate more jobs and provide direct access to national supply chains.
Better Bus Network	● \$5 million annual commitment towards two new bus services for Ipswich.	The State Government should commit to fund two priority bus expansion projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A trunk bus route between Ipswich Central and Springfield Central (via Redbank Plains) ▪ The expansion of bus services within Redbank Plains to improve local access to shops, employment, education and amenities. 	The proposed program of bus network improvements will improve accessibility, connectivity and efficiency of the transport network, as well as providing an attractive bus network that is more equitable and a genuine alternative to private vehicle travel. This will address the significant shortfall in coverage that exists and support the future growth of the region.
Waste and Circular Economy Transformation	● Comprehensive review and reform of the waste sector. Progress the waste sector priorities under the SEQ City Deal.	Council is requesting commitment for a comprehensive review and reform of waste and resource recovery policy and infrastructure, to deliver a waste industry transformation plan that minimises community impact and creates new economic opportunities.	Ipswich received 42%, or 4.23M tonnes of Queensland's waste with little to no community benefit. This will transform the waste industry into an innovative, efficient and sustainable circular economy.
Critical and Enabling Infrastructure	● Fund critical upgrades to our strategic highway network: Warrego Highway, Cunningham Highway and Centenary Highway. Council is seeking commitment to forward planning the sequencing and delivery of growth including the Ripley Valley Priority Development Area (PDA).	Council is requesting commitment for investment in key strategic roads including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Critical upgrades to the Cunningham Highway including the Yamanto to Ebenezer Creek section of highway, including duplication to 4 lanes and upgrades to the Amberley Interchange which services RAAF Base Amberley, and the planning, design and delivery of interchange configurations at Ripley and Swanbank to support our growth corridor. ▪ Urgent attention and upgrades are required for the Warrego Highway, part of the Brisbane to Melbourne National Corridor, to ensure that the highway is safe, resilient and efficient for all road users. ▪ Centenary Highway requests immediate action pertaining to the planning of highway duplication, as well as new and upgraded interchanges to service this rapidly expanding growth area. ▪ Council is seeking the State Government to commit to forward planning critical infrastructure, including roads, water and wastewater, and transport infrastructure. In particular, attention should be given to the forward planning for the State Controlled Road network surrounding and traversing the Ripley PDA, as well as the Ipswich to Springfield Transport Corridor. 	Ipswich is a high growth city that requires investment in the following strategic roads to ensure that people and freight continue to move safely and efficiently. Continued investment from the State Government will assist in the delivery of the infrastructure to service new development, with a specific focus on the delivery of transport infrastructure to accommodate our community. This is a real opportunity to continue to support the growth of Ipswich (including the Ripley PDA), to provide affordable housing and improve the quality of life for our residents.
North Ipswich Sport and Entertainment Precinct	● Council is seeking \$10 million towards Stage 1 project delivery. This follows \$20 million already secured from Federal Government.	The Federal Government has invested \$20 million in this important, city-shaping project. Council is seeking a \$10 million investment from the Queensland Government to deliver the first stage of the project.	An Options Analysis has been delivered by Ipswich City Council. This investment will deliver a national-standard sport and entertainment precinct anchored around a boutique stadium which will revolutionise access to sporting and entertainment content in Queensland's sporting heartland. This is a key project that will shape the sporting landscape in Ipswich and SEQ in the lead up to the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

● NO SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENTS RECEIVED



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