

**2024-2025**

# **FEDERAL BUDGET**

Pre-Budget Submission

# INTRODUCTION

Ipswich is a significant driver of Queensland's economic prosperity.

Ipswich's increasing population and land available for infrastructure presents key opportunities for federal investment. Its aspirations mirror the governments to create more opportunities for more people in more places, delivering liveable and dynamic cities.

Ipswich is the oldest provincial city in Queensland with the youngest population. With a forecasted doubling of the current population by 2046, Ipswich is only halfway to a city of 529,000 residents. Its offering of cities and towns and, burgeoning industry sectors presents a city of opportunity for all.

Ipswich is positioned in the rapidly expanding western growth corridor of South East Queensland (SEQ). It is the gateway to our neighbouring agricultural regions, home to the nation's largest RAAF base, with an abundance of land for industrial, commercial and residential growth. Located at the confluence of three national land transport road routes, Ipswich connects to our southern states, the wider SEQ region and Queensland's capital, Brisbane.

Ipswich presents its core infrastructure projects for the city, spanning transport and road connectivity, upgraded sporting facilities and a desired transition towards a circular economy. Ipswich City Council's (council) evidence-based approach has determined priority projects which are catalytic and region-shaping by nature. Federal investment will improve liveability, economic productivity and social outcomes for Ipswich and the greater SEQ region.

We need the Federal Government to invest in this great city, as we continue to work collaboratively to deliver shared priorities and outcomes.

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

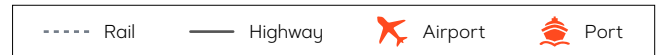
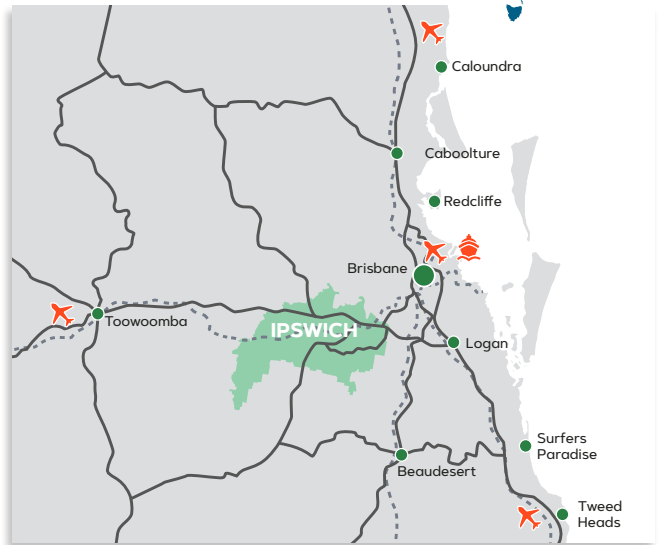
Ipswich City Council respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners as custodians of the land and waters we share. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging, as the keepers of the traditions, customs, cultures and stories of proud peoples.



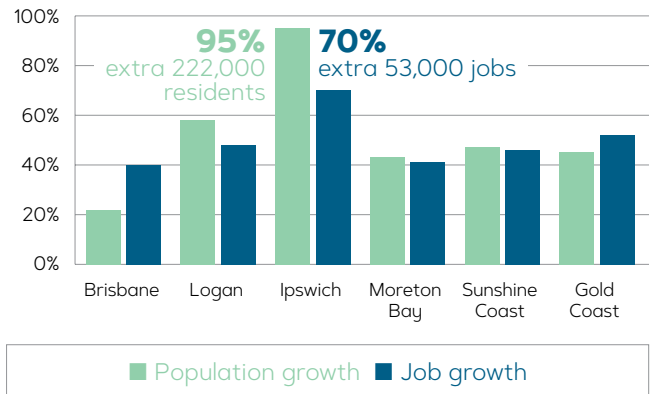
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# ABOUT IPSWICH



# POPULATION AND JOB GROWTH 2021-2041



Source: Queensland Government population projections, 2023 edition; Australian Bureau of Statistics, Regional population, 2021.

<b>CURRENT POPULATION</b> <b>250,706 RESIDENTS</b>	<b>BY 2046, EXPECTED POPULATION IS</b> <b>529,000 RESIDENTS</b>
<b>MEDIAN AGE 33</b>	<b>\$12.18 BILLION GROSS REGIONAL PRODUCT</b>
<b>89,135 TOTAL LOCAL JOBS</b>	<b>11,810 LOCAL BUSINESSES</b>

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Regional Population Growth, Australia (3218.0) and Draft Shaping SEQ 2023 update.

- ### TOP INDUSTRIES 2021-2022 (BY FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT)
1. HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE **17.3%**
  2. MANUFACTURING **12.3%**
  3. EDUCATION AND TRAINING **11%**
  4. PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND SAFETY **10.3%**

## IPSWICH ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

Ipswich City Council welcomes the opportunity to present our priorities for consideration in the 2024-2025 Federal Budget:

OPPORTUNITY/PRIORITY	FUNDING/OUTCOME REQUESTED
<b>Ipswich to Springfield Central Public Transport Corridor (I2S)</b>	Following the \$10 million committed in the SEQ City Deal, council is seeking a partial commitment in the forward estimates towards the delivery of this critical public transport corridor project (in the order of \$2-3 billion* for the first stage).
<b>Critical and Enabling Infrastructure</b>	Critical upgrades to our strategic highway network are overdue: Cunningham Highway (~\$200 million*), Warrego Highway (~\$200 million*) and Centenary Motorway (~\$350 million*).
<b>Waste and Circular Economy Transformation</b>	Progress waste sector priorities under the SEQ City Deal towards a carbon neutral and net zero emissions target.
<b>Ipswich Central Second River Crossing</b>	Council is seeking \$4 million in federal investment towards the Detailed Business Case. This project is included in the Infrastructure Priority List.
<b>Ebenezer Regional Industrial Area (ERIA)</b>	Deliver catalytic infrastructure for the ERIA, progress the Inland Rail project and deliver the Ebenezer Intermodal Terminal.
<b>North Ipswich Sport and Entertainment Precinct</b>	Support council's lobbying efforts to the Queensland Government for a \$10 million contribution to the project.

\*Please note the costings associated for these projects are indicative and not informed by any design or cost plans.

## 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 Plan by:

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

It also compliments the State Infrastructure Strategy 2022, 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 SEQ City Deal, 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.



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

● NO SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENTS RECEIVED  
● PARTIAL COMMITMENTS RECEIVED

Ipswich is in the heart of South East Queensland, well positioned between the regions and Brisbane. Its evidence-based approach to identifying its catalytic Regionally Significant Projects define Ipswich's future liveability and prosperity. It offers a strategic location for federal investment. The Ipswich City Council 2024–2025 Pre-Budget Submission presents the city's priorities, and opportunities for the Federal Government to invest to grow the Australian economy and support the Ipswich community. Each opportunity is summarised in the below table.

THE OPPORTUNITY	FUNDING REQUEST	THE ASK	THE BENEFITS
<b>Ipswich to Springfield Central Public Transport Corridor (I2S)</b>	● Project delivery funding in the order of \$2-3 billion* for the first stage.	<i>Ipswich City Council would like to thank the Federal Government for investing in the Ipswich to Springfield Central Public Transport Corridor.</i>  The SEQ City Deal has committed \$10 million towards this project. The Options Analysis currently in development will inform the Detailed Business Case for this public transport corridor between Ipswich and Springfield.  Following the \$10 million committed in the SEQ City Deal, council is seeking the Federal Government to provide funding towards project delivery in the outer years of the forward estimates within the budget towards the delivery of this critical public transport corridor project.	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 together with the State Government and Ipswich City Council has committed \$34 million to deliver 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.
<b>Critical and Enabling Infrastructure</b>	● Cunningham Highway (~\$200 million*), Warrego Highway (~\$200 million*) and Centenary Motorway (~\$350 million*).	Federal investment is required in the following key strategic roads to support connectivity within the region and wider Queensland:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Critical upgrades to the Cunningham Highway including Yamanto to Ebenezer Creek section of highway, including duplication to four 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.</li> <li>▪ 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.</li> <li>▪ Centenary Motorway requests immediate action pertaining to the planning of highway duplication, as well as new and upgraded interchanges to service this rapidly expanding growth area.</li> </ul> <p>Ipswich City Council has sought further investment from the Queensland Government in its 2024-2025 Pre-Budget Submission.</p>	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 and Federal Governments will assist in the delivery of infrastructure required 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.
<b>Waste and Circular Economy Transformation</b>	● Progress waste sector priorities under the SEQ City Deal towards a carbon neutral and net zero emissions target.	Council is requesting commitment for a comprehensive review and reform of waste and water recovery policy and infrastructure, to deliver a waste industry transformation plan that minimises community impact and creates new economic opportunities.  Council is seeking support to partner with the Queensland Government on new legislative frameworks.	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.  Ipswich is placing sustainability at the heart to contribute towards the Brisbane 2032 climate positive agenda.
<b>Ipswich Central Second River Crossing</b>	● \$4 million	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 Central Business District.  The Ipswich Central Second River Crossing is a new addition to the Infrastructure Australia Priority List. Progressing this project will enable it to progress 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.
<b>Ebenezer Regional Industrial Area (ERIA)</b>	● Deliver the 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.  The catalytic project complements the largest freight 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 west 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.
<b>North Ipswich Sport and Entertainment Precinct</b>	● Support council's lobbying efforts to the Queensland Government for a \$10 million contribution to the project.	<i>Ipswich City Council would like to thank the Federal Government for investing in North Ipswich Sport and Entertainment Precinct and look forward to ongoing collaboration.</i>  Ipswich City Council has sought a \$10 million investment from the Queensland Government in its 2024-2025 Pre-Budget Submission to deliver the first stage of the project. Council is seeking support to continue lobbying to the state for investment towards this hallmark sporting venue.	An Options Analysis has been delivered by Ipswich City Council.  Following the Federal Government's \$20 million commitment, Stage 1: Design and Due Diligence has commenced.  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.

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