

# Better Bus Network for Ipswich



## INVESTING IN BETTER BUS SERVICES FOR IPSWICH WILL ADDRESS THE SIGNIFICANT SHORTFALL IN COVERAGE THAT EXISTS AND SUPPORT THE FUTURE GROWTH OF THE REGION.

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.

### BENEFITS TO SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND

- ✓ Enhance liveability and quality of life
- ✓ Supports economic productivity
- ✓ Improve road safety
- ✓ Reduce peak hour congestion
- ✓ Reduce private vehicle usage and subsequent emissions
- ✓ Improve mobility for the Paralympic and Olympic Games visitors in 2032.

### \$ COMMITMENT REQUIRED

A **\$5 million annual commitment** to fund the following priority bus expansion projects:

- 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.

### PROJECT BENEFITS



REDUCED CONGESTION

MORE TRAVEL OPTIONS



MORE EFFICIENT USE OF ROAD SPACE

CONNECT AREAS WITHIN IPSWICH NOT PREVIOUSLY CONNECTED



COUNTERS THE RISING COST OF LIVING PRESSURES

### IF WE DO NOTHING



INCREASING CAR OWNERSHIP AND CAR DEPENDENCY

COST OF LIVING PRESSURES ASSOCIATED WITH PRIVATE VEHICLE TRAVEL WILL CONTINUE TO EXACERBATE



GREATER NEED FOR EXPENSIVE ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS TO ALLEVIATE CONGESTION



## Redbank Plains by Numbers



No change to bus network in Redbank Plains since

**2010**

Redbank Plains has grown **63%** since the 2011 Census



**77%** of journey to work trips by Redbank Plains residents were by car (2021 Census) - highest in LGA

**24,349** is the population of Redbank Plains, comparable to Goulburn, Armidale and Gympie urban areas (2021 Census)



## Project Details

### PRIORITY 1: Trunk bus route between Ipswich Central and Springfield Central (via Redbank Plains)

There is currently no direct public transport connection between Ipswich Central and Springfield Central.

A direct and frequent bus service (via Redbank Plains) would provide a viable alternative to the private vehicle by providing a shorter journey time and travel distance for customers compared to existing public transport offerings.

### PRIORITY 2: Expansion of bus services within Redbank Plains to improve local access to shops, employment, education, and amenities

The bus network in Redbank Plains has been unchanged since 2010. Yet over this same period, the residential population has grown by approximately 10,000 residents.

Further expansion of the bus network is needed within Redbank Plains (south of Redbank Plains Road) to cater for the large residential population growth experienced over the last decade.



## About Ipswich

Ipswich is Queensland's oldest provincial city and fastest growing region.

Ipswich is under provisioned in public transport, social infrastructure and economically stimulating investment.

By 2041, Ipswich's population will grow by 170% to 560,000 people (QGSO). Ipswich's projected annual population growth of over 4% p.a. dwarfs state (1.2%) and national trends (0.9%).

A city of half a million people requires efficient public transport to support economic prosperity and self-sufficiency. This investment is needed now, to address existing issues and ahead of growth to avoid entrenching social and economic inequality.

## Priority 1

