

# INVESTMENT SECURED TO MODERNISE SPORT AND EVENT ACCESSIBILITY IN QUEENSLAND'S SPORTING HEARTLAND

A national-standard sport and entertainment precinct anchored around a boutique rectangular stadium will revolutionise access to sporting and entertainment content in Queensland's sporting heartland. The North Ipswich Sport and Entertainment Precinct will be an economic and lifestyle asset for Ipswich's future half a million residents, and address an acute social infrastructure shortfall. This project will increase Ipswich's ability to host 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games events, and could also feature as a training ground for athletes in preparation for 2032, delivering legacy benefits to the region for decades to come.

## **COMMITMENT SECURED**

The Federal Government's \$20 million investment has been further supported with an additional \$10 million secured from the State Government. The state's investment was the final step needed to unlock \$10 million of funding from Ipswich City Council. This \$40 million investment will deliver initial modernisation and upgrades to the North Ipswich Sport and Entertainment Precinct, in the form of a western grandstand and new floodlights.

## **COMMITMENT REQUIRED**

Funding for the next stages of the development to deliver a Northern, Eastern and Southern seating area, upgrades to Len Johnson Oval and improved connectivity to the Ipswich Train Station and Ipswich Central.

#### PROJECT BENEFITS TO IPSWICH



ACCESS TO ELITE SPORT AND ENTERTAINMENT EXPERIENCES IMPROVED INBOUND INVESTMENT AND EVENT SPEND





VIBRANT AND DYNAMIC LOCAL ECONOMY

FACILITATES
NIGHT-TIME ECONOMY





DIVERSIFIED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

#### IF WE DO NOTHING



ACCESSED ELSEWHERE

LIMITED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES





LOW BRAND RECOGNITION AND CIVIC PRIDE CONTINUED LACK OF HIGH QUALITY COMMUNITY ASSETS









## **Project Details**

The North Ipswich Sport and Entertainment Precinct is a revitalisation of North Ipswich Reserve, Ipswich's premier sporting facility with prime riverside location and city views. A 12,000 capacity rectangular stadium will meet community and industry expectations as a venue for major sporting and non-sporting events proximate to transport and the city centre.

Ipswich is currently under provisioned in social infrastructure and this is resulting in an economic and locational disadvantage for residents.

Ipswich City Council delivered the Strategic Business Case with the support of the Queensland Government. The Options Analysis, funded by council as part of the Stage 2 Business Case led to a \$20 million investment from the Federal Government. This was supplemented with the State Government's investment of \$10 million, which was the final step needed to unlock \$10 million of funding from council.

This \$40 million investment will deliver initial modernisation and upgrades to the North Ipswich Sport and Entertainment Precinct in the form of a new western grandstand and field lighting.

## **About Ipswich**

Ipswich will grow at a faster rate than any other council in Queensland over the next twenty years.

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

By 2046, Ipswich will reach an estimated population of 533,802 nearly doubling its current size.

A city reaching half a million people requires efficient public transport, social infrastructure and investment to support economic prosperity and self-sufficiency. Now is the time to invest to avoid a crisis in the future and to avoid entrenching social and economic inequality.

