

2024-2025

STATE BUDGET

Pre-Budget Submission

INTRODUCTION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

Ipswich's increasing population and land available for infrastructure presents key opportunities for state investment. Its aspirations mirror the governments with prioritisation on more jobs and better services to deliver a liveable and dynamic city.

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 530,00 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. Councils evidence-based approach has determined priority projects which are catalytic and region-shaping by nature. Investment from the state will improve liveability, economic productivity and social outcomes for Ipswich and the greater SEQ region.

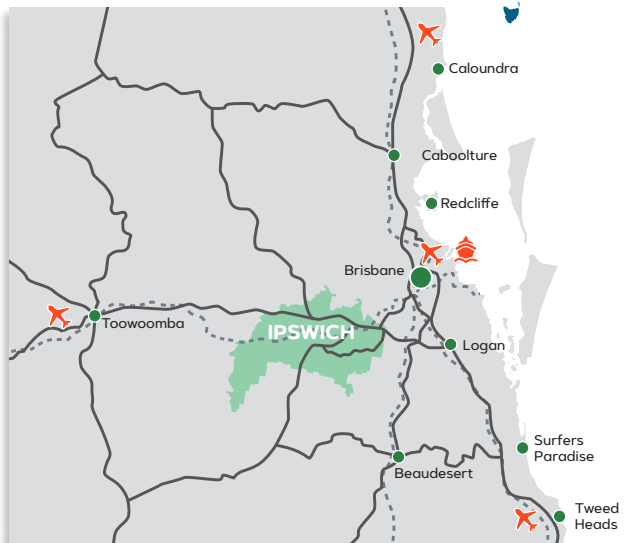
We need the State Government to invest in this great city, as we continue to work collaboratively to deliver shared priorities and outcomes in the lead up to the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games and beyond.

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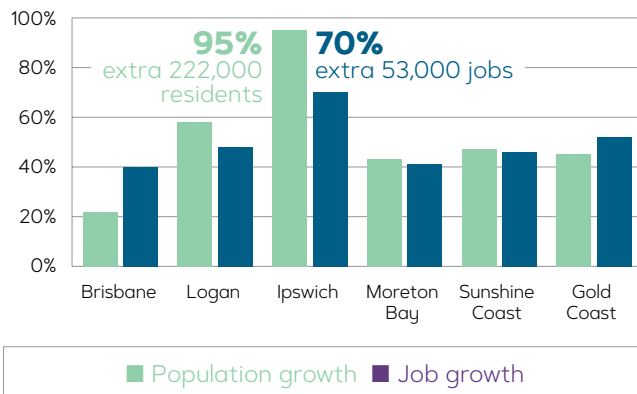
Ipswich City Council respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners as custodians of the land and waters we share.

We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging, as the keepers of the traditions, customs, cultures and stories of proud peoples.

ABOUT IPSWICH



POPULATION AND JOB GROWTH 2021-2041



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

CURRENT POPULATION 250,706 RESIDENTS	BY 2046, EXPECTED POPULATION IS 528,000 RESIDENTS
MEDIAN AGE 33	\$12.18 BILLION GROSS REGIONAL PRODUCT
89,135 TOTAL LOCAL JOBS	11,810 LOCAL BUSINESSES

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

The City of Ipswich welcomes the opportunity to present a snapshot of our priorities for State Government investment within the 2024–2025 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, council is seeking a partial commitment in the forward estimates towards the delivery of this critical public transport corridor project.
North Ipswich Sport and Entertainment Precinct	Council requires \$10 million in state investment to supplement the \$20 million secured from the Federal Government to deliver a national standard sport and entertainment precinct.
Better Bus Network	A \$5 million annual commitment towards two priority bus expansion projects 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	Partner with the Queensland Government to expedite the introduction of legislation to compel waste operators to in-vessel the composting of organic waste. Progress the waste sector priorities under the SEQ City Deal.
Critical and Enabling Infrastructure	Critical upgrades to our strategic highway network are overdue: Warrego Highway, Cunningham Highway and Centenary Motorway. Council is seeking the State Government to commit to forward planning the sequencing and delivery of growth for the Ripley Valley Priority Development Area.
Ipswich Central Second River Crossing	Council is seeking \$4 million in state investment towards the Detailed Business Case. This project is included in 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.

THE BRISBANE 2032 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES

The Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games (the Games) is the perfect example of what can be achieved when all three levels of government work together. The Federal and State Government’s commitment to the delivery of the Games is the catalyst to elevate lifestyles and ambitions through improving the health and wellbeing of our communities.

Hosted across cities of Queensland, it promises to be climate positive, with a strong focus on upgrading and optimising existing infrastructure to connect venues across the state. With transport connectivity at the forefront of planning, Ipswich is a part of the solution. The Ipswich to Springfield Central Public Transport Corridor, one of our regionally significant projects, offers a mass transit solution which connects directly to our Games venue. Investment towards localised solutions of increased bus connectivity will positively contribute to the liveability of this city. Through upgrading our critical and enabling infrastructure, we allow greater workforce connectivity and supply chain movement. Ipswich is all in!

It provides a foundation for coordination and collaboration between all three levels of government, in partnership with the private sector, to support its vision to be one region connected locally and competing globally. The Games are the catalyst for the regions transition to a more connected, integrated, liveable, sustainable and innovative place, providing a lasting legacy for future generations.



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

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 state investment. The Ipswich City Council 2024–2025 Pre-Budget Submission presents the city's priorities, and opportunities for the State Government to invest to grow the Australian economy and support the Ipswich community. Each opportunity is summarised in the below table.

- NO SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENTS RECEIVED
- PARTIAL COMMITMENTS RECEIVED

OPPORTUNITY / PRIORITY	FUNDING REQUESTED	THE ASK	THE OUTCOMES
Ipswich to Springfield Central Public Transport Corridor (I2S)	● Forward estimates commitment	The SEQ City Deal has committed \$10 million towards the Ipswich to Springfield Central Public Transport Corridor. Council is seeking the State 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. The Options Analysis currently in development will inform the Detailed Business Case for this public transport corridor between Ipswich and Springfield.	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 \$3.4 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.
North Ipswich Sport and Entertainment Precinct	● \$10 million	The Federal Government has invested \$20 million in this important, city-shaping project. Council requires 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. 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.
Better Bus Network	● \$5 million (annually)	A \$5 million State Government investment to fund the city's 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	● New legislation	Partner with the Queensland Government to expedite the introduction of legislation to compel waste operators to in-vessel the composting of organic waste. Progress the waste sector priorities under the SEQ City Deal.	Ipswich received 42%, or 4.23 million 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.
Critical and Enabling Infrastructure	● Critical upgrades to our strategic highway network are overdue: Warrego Highway, Cunningham Highway and Centenary Motorway. Council is seeking the State Government to commit to forward planning the sequencing and delivery of growth for the Ripley Valley Priority Development Area.	State investment is required in the following key strategic roads to support connectivity within the region and wider Queensland: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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. ▪ 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 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. ▪ Forward planning of 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 Valley Priority Development Area, as well as the Ipswich to Springfield Central 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 Valley Priority Development Area), to provide affordable housing and improve the quality of life for our residents.
Ipswich Central Second River Crossing	● \$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.
Ebenezer Regional Industrial Area (ERIA)	● 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.



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