

# INVEST TO TRANSFORM QUEENSLAND'S WASTE INDUSTRY INTO AN INNOVATIVE, EFFICIENT AND SUSTAINABLE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

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

A city of half a million people requires 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. The waste industry has expanded significantly in Ipswich through landfill developments, without due consideration of the impacts on residents, or the future outlook of South East Queensland and Queensland waste policy and strategy.

In 2019/20, Ipswich received 42 per cent, or 4.23 million tonnes, of Queensland's waste with little to no community benefit. There is an urgent need for intervention to ensure an efficient, sustainable, productive waste and circular economy sector in Queensland.

## Council has adopted the Waste and Circular Economy Transformation Policy Directive to:

- ✓ Establish a Waste Code of Practice
- ✓ Drive industry best practice
- ✓ A strong compliance culture
- Strategic and sequenced remediation
- Protect our residential amenity
- ✓ Partner and collaborate
- Leading by example
- Leverage waste industry opportunities
- Create a better return for Ipswich
- Plan for the future

### **COMMITMENT REQUIRED**

Partner with the Queensland
Government to expedite the introduction of legislation to compel waste operators to in-vessel the composting of organic waste.

#### **PROJECT BENEFITS**



ECONOMIC INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITIES

IMPROVED ENVIRONMENTAL OUTCOMES





IMPROVED RESIDENTIAL AMENITY

NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



#### IF WE DO NOTHING



LIVEABILITY AND AMENITY INCREASINGLY IMPACTED







