2 ABOUT THIS STATEMENT OF PROPOSALS

2.1 What is the purpose of a Statement of Proposals?

A Statement of Proposals is an early step in the process of preparing the new planning scheme for the Ipswich Local Government Area in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016*. Through this Statement of Proposals, input is being sought from the community, government agencies and other stakeholders on a number of draft preferred planning scheme strategies and options that may apply to the entire Local Government Area or specific local areas or individual parcels of land.

The proposed preferred planning scheme strategies and approaches, alternative options for some areas and sites and background information are set out in this Statement of Proposals in *Section 3 - Draft Strategic Framework*.

2.2 What is a Draft Strategic Framework?

A draft strategic framework is a critical component of the new Ipswich planning scheme and is structured in the following way:

- Sections 3.1 to 3.6:
 - Strategic Framework for whole of Local Government Area that provides the overarching policy framework and direction expressed spatially for the whole of the Ipswich Local Government Area, including strategic valuable features, overlay and strategic framework maps.
- Section 3.7:
 - Local Area Frameworks that provide a more detailed policy framework and direction (including alternative development options for some areas and sites) expressed spatially in the form of both text and precinct maps for each of the 30 defined local area strategic planning units.

The draft strategic framework seeks to:

- Balance the competing interests affecting land use and development.
- Protect the key valuable features of the Ipswich Local Government Area.
- Effectively deal with the wide range of constraints on, above and under land that affect development within the Ipswich Local Government Area.
- Establish an appropriate, ecologically-sustainable, growth management framework.
- Identify key infrastructure to service both the existing community and new growth areas.
- Provide an indication for the future zoning of land.

The draft strategic framework seeks to achieve the above whilst aligning with the land use and development components of the *Advance Ipswich Community Plan* and other key council strategies, meet the growth targets set out in the *ShapingSEQ*, and guide the preparation of the final strategic framework and the detailed zoning and development code components of the new Ipswich planning scheme.