

A large, modern building under construction. The building has a facade of dark grey panels and large windows. A tall white crane is visible on the left side of the building. Scaffolding is visible on the right side of the building. The sky is blue with some clouds. In the foreground, there is a paved area and some greenery.

City of Ipswich 2020 State Election

Regionally Significant Priorities
for our city of opportunities

MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL

Never before has a State election been more critical for the future of Queensland and for the future of Queensland's fastest growing city, Ipswich.

The City of Ipswich is at a crossroads. 2020 has been a difficult year for all Queenslanders, and the COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on our local economy. Estimates indicate that our June employment figures will show a 7.7% reduction in local jobs and a 10.9% reduction in Gross Regional Product compared to the 2018/19 average.

However, the impact of COVID-19 will not slow our region's unprecedented population growth. At a current rate of 20 per day, 336,000 new residents are projected to call Ipswich home over the next two decades; as our population increases from 222,000 today to 558,000 in 2041. Around 70% of our future community builders will settle along the major growth corridor between the Ipswich CBD, Ripley Valley and Springfield, creating new economic hubs for industry, recreation and investment across the region.

Each year, our region makes a significant contribution to the state economy, and to reducing environmental harms for Queenslanders. In 2018/19, Ipswich's Gross Regional Product was \$9.8 billion, and our exports totalled \$4.9 billion. Ipswich exports approximately \$22,200 of value per capita annually, which is 42% above the average for regional Local Government Areas in South East Queensland, at \$15,600 per capita. We're also disproportionately managing Queensland's waste, with approximately 58% of all waste disposed of in Queensland, and 73% of the waste disposed of in South East Queensland landing in Ipswich. The people of Ipswich are ready for their heavy lifting and contribution to the state economy to be recognised.

Ipswich City Council is focused on integrity, transparency and accountability and we are leading the way in restoring community trust through the launch of our Transparency and Integrity Hub which provides open access to detailed transaction level financial data including all procurements over \$10,000.

The Hub is leading the way for local government nationally and can be accessed here: <https://open.ipswich.qld.gov.au>.

Our 222,000 residents place a high priority on a prosperous and liveable Ipswich. To maintain a high quality of life, our communities need reasonable travel times to and from work and to access essential services.

Already, Ipswich City Council has made significant progress on the shovel-worthy projects and reforms that matter to our residents. The organisation has invested over \$1.1 million in business cases since 2017 in the four regionally significant projects that will keep our region connected to South East Queensland and the State: the Ipswich Central to Springfield Central Public Transport Corridor, upgrades to the Cunningham Highway, the Ipswich Central Second River Crossing and the North Ipswich Sport and Entertainment Precinct. Regarding waste management practices in our Local Government Area, Council is delivering the Clean Slate White Paper, to provide a community and industry-led vision for the future of waste in Ipswich.

Our ask for each project and policy is clear. Ipswich City Council is seeking:

- Investment in shovel-worthy infrastructure, to support our region's significant population growth to 2041;
- A clear plan to realise Ipswich's economic potential, securing our region's recovery from the impacts of the COVID pandemic;
- A commitment to address the significant impacts caused by the waste industry on our region's liveability.

For our Council, the commitments we are seeking at this State Election are about the future of our booming city of opportunity and our growing communities. We stand united, ready to work with the next elected State Government to ensure that outcomes are delivered for the people of Ipswich. The enclosed projects and policies will secure our community's long-term prosperity and liveability as it experiences unprecedented growth.

Teresa Harding

Mayor Teresa Harding

Nicole Jonic

Cr Nicole Jonic

Paul Tully

Cr Paul Tully

Marnie Doyle

Deputy Mayor Marnie Doyle

Jacob Madsen

Cr Jacob Madsen

Sheila Ireland

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Andrew Fechner

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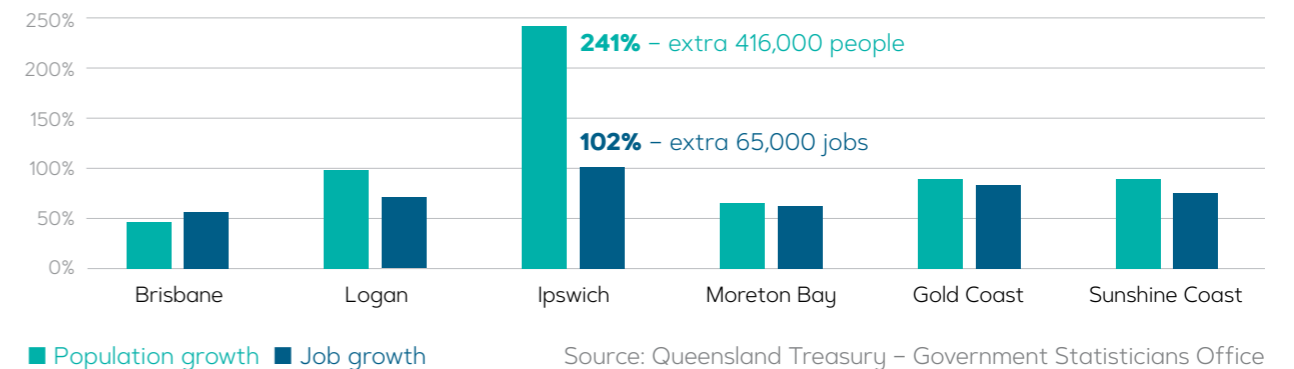
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Russell Milligan

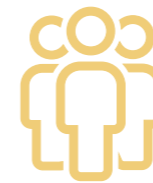
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IPSWICH AT A GLANCE

POPULATION AND JOB GROWTH – 2011 TO 2041



OUR PEOPLE



Current: June 2020

222,000

Forecast: 2041

558,000

VISITORS (as at December 2019)



Number of visitors

2.07 million

Visitor economy

\$290 million

EMPLOYMENT (as at June 2019)



Local jobs

77,949



Local businesses

9,911



Employed residents

101,979

GROSS REGIONAL PRODUCT



\$9.77 billion

ECONOMY AT A GLANCE – INDICATORS

32

Median Resident Age 2018

7.5%

Unemployment Rate 2019

SEIFA INDEX

City of Ipswich
916

25th percentile nationally

METHOD OF TRAVEL TO WORK



Public transport
822



Vehicle
50,304



Bicycle/walking
1,289



Mixed method
716



Worked at home/did not go to work
8,364

Source: ABS, 2016

REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS

The Queensland government has identified Ipswich as key residential expansion area to support South East Queensland's growth and expects the region to more than double its residential population from 222,000 in 2020 to 558,000 in 2041.

Ipswich requires proactive support and investment by the Queensland government to cater for its expected growth and provide residents with a liveable, connected and economically resilient region.

Ipswich City Council has identified regionally significant projects that are integral to the future liveability of the Ipswich region and rely on Queensland government commitment for delivery. These projects are catalysts to opportunities and economic benefits for region and need investment now to proactively meet the needs of our growing population.



Ipswich Central to Springfield Central (I2S) Public Transport Corridor

Council is seeking \$2.5m in funding and commitment to support the delivery of the Options Analysis for the I2S Corridor to ensure that crucial pre-investment planning continues.

The proposed 25km I2S Corridor will connect Ipswich Central with Springfield Central via Ripley Town Centre and Redbank Plains with a mass transit solution capable of relieving car dependency. I2S delivers a strategic link for Queensland's fastest growing community to Brisbane. 70% of Ipswich's projected population growth will occur along or adjacent to the I2S Corridor, and the I2S Corridor will provide access to economic opportunities and services. I2S leverages today's investment in and the future benefits of Cross River Rail.

There is a compelling time imperative to progress planning. Without a mass transit solution in the I2S Corridor, the Western Corridor will experience:

- Road network failure in 2031
- An increase in road travel times by 81% in 2036
- \$1b in productivity costs driven by congestion
- 2.5 hour commutes from Ripley to Brisbane in 2036.



Waste and Planning Act Reform

Council is seeking investment in a comprehensive review and reform of waste and resource recovery in close collaboration with our organisation, to deliver a waste industry transformation plan that minimises community impacts and creates new economic opportunities for Ipswich.

The waste industry has expanded significantly in Ipswich over time 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. An urgent need exists for State Government intervention in order for the industry to transform into a more effective, sustainable and productive sector. The City of Ipswich seeks collaboration with the State Government for the joint establishment of regulatory and policy frameworks that will support the development of a waste industry transformation plan in our region, including to:

- Collaborate to establish a joint Ipswich City Council and Queensland Government Waste Management Taskforce
- Invest in the establishment of a Waste and Resource Recovery data portal with near real-time data
- Develop a plan for infrastructure that shares the long-term burden of waste management sites across the state
- Establish a market development agency and Invest in a feasibility study for a Circular Economy Centre of Excellence in Ipswich.

Ipswich Central Second River Crossing



A second river crossing will transform how people move around Ipswich and provide network capacity needed to support population growth. This will provide an alternative cross-river route to the over-capacity and beyond-end-of-design life David Trumpy Bridge, and will be capable of diverting 13,300 non-essential vehicles per day from Ipswich Central. A second river crossing is catalytic infrastructure that will relieve congestion, promote economic revitalisation and improve network resilience.

Council is seeking \$2.5m in funding and support to deliver the Detailed Business Case to enable the continuation of planning for this vital transport infrastructure.

The Second River Crossing will:

- Create over \$34 million in productivity gains
- Prevent network failure in the event of incidents and flooding
- Unlock gridlock caused by over-capacity by David Trumpy Bridge.



Ebenezer Regional Industrial Area

- Business Case for Brisbane Inland Rail Intermodal Terminal
- Cunningham Highway (Yamanto to Ebenezer Creek) upgrades

Council is seeking the expedited delivery of the jointly-funded Business Case for Brisbane Inland Rail Terminal in consultation with the community, and a commitment from the State Government to accelerate planning and delivery of upgrades to the known freight pinch-point of Cunningham Highway (Yamanto to Ebenezer Creek).

Ensuring Ipswich's growing population has access to local employment opportunities is critical to the economic resilience and liveability of the South East Queensland economy. The activation of industrial land in the vicinity of Ebenezer in support of Inland Rail will create an employment hub for Ipswich, promoting new business opportunities and the clustering of high value employment-generating industries in support of the Western Trade and Enterprise Spine.

This relies on the realisation of the Ebenezer Intermodal Terminal (under investigation) and upgrades to the Cunningham Highway. These actions will enable a thriving and diversified economy:

- Activates 6,000 hectares of employment generating industrial land
- Over 3,000 FTE jobs in 2041
- \$1,428.17m in regional output per year in 2041
- Savings of \$45m in congestion costs per year.



North Ipswich Sport and Entertainment Precinct

Council is seeking support for sporting team expansion in the Ipswich region and \$2.5m in funding and to complete the Detailed Business Case for the North Ipswich Sport and Entertainment Precinct.

Ipswich is Queensland's sporting heartland and is under consideration to secure NRL and A-League teams that require a suitable venue to train and host games. The Ipswich community will welcome a national sporting team to call their own and the resilience that this will bring to the local economy through a national profile capable of investment attraction and business confidence.

A revitalisation of North Ipswich Reserve into a sporting and entertainment precinct anchored around a boutique sport-code-compliant stadium is integral to meeting community demand for national sporting team expansion into the Ipswich region and will bring large-scale social infrastructure in Ipswich in line with comparator regions to enable local engagement with major sport and recreation opportunities.

The North Ipswich Sport and Entertainment Precinct will:

- Support national sporting team expansion in the Ipswich region
- Generate new and retain sport and entertainment expenditure
- Secure flow-on economic and social benefits through major event attraction
- Provide a positive national platform to support investment attraction.

REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS

- Ebenezer Intermodal Terminal
- North Ipswich Sport Entertainment Precinct
- Ipswich Central Second River Crossing
- Ipswich Central to Springfield Central Public Transport Corridor

Toowoomba Airport

Brisbane International Airport

Port of Brisbane

LOCKYER

IPSWICH WEST

BUNDAMBA

SPRINGFIELD

JORDAN

EBENEZER REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL AREA

RAAF BASE AMBERLEY

IPSWICH CENTRAL

SWANBANK INDUSTRIAL

IPSWICH
RIPLEY VALLEY PDA

Warrego Hwy

Cunningham Hwy

SCENIC RIM

Centenary Hwy



Current population:
222,000
June 2020

Forecast: 2041
558,000

70% of future population growth will occur along the dedicated I2S Corridor

LEGEND





- Ipswich Local Government Area
- State Electoral Boundaries
- Major highways
- Major rail – Ipswich to Brisbane
- Rivers
- Inland Rail (proposed)
- Cunningham Highway Upgrade (proposed)
- Ipswich Central to Springfield Central Public Transport Corridor (proposed)



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