

Infrastructure

The foundation for growth

About the new planning scheme

City of Moreton Bay is growing, and the way we plan for the future needs to keep up.

The planning scheme is what guides how land can be used, where housing and jobs are located, how development happens and how we protect the things that matter, like natural areas and managing risks from natural hazards.

We are reviewing the planning scheme to help shape the future of our city and want to hear from you.

The planning scheme shapes your neighbourhood – what gets built where, and how your local area changes over time.

City of Moreton Bay already has:



3684km of roads



12 waste management facilities



288 hectares of sport parks



736 recreation parks



1,600km pathways

Why planning for infrastructure matters

Infrastructure is the essential networks and facilities that support everyday life, such as roads, public transport, cemeteries, waste, water and sewerage, parks and community facilities.

With the population of City of Moreton Bay expected to grow to 792,700 by 2046 according to the Queensland Government's SEQ Regional Plan, ShapingSEQ 2023, our city needs a lot more investment in infrastructure to grow sustainably.

New infrastructure comes with a significant price tag for the Federal Government, State Government, Council and utility providers like Unitywater. That's why careful planning is critical, to ensure services are delivered efficiently, public investment delivers maximum value, and the costs of growth are shared fairly between residents who pay rates and developers.

Effective infrastructure planning relies on knowing where development is expected to occur. The planning scheme helps Council and other infrastructure providers prepare for long term growth needs, and deliver timely infrastructure upgrades that improve network capacity, services, and opportunities for the community. It also helps Council to advocate for funding and investment in infrastructure which City of Moreton Bay does not deliver or cannot deliver alone, such as enhanced connections and faster public transport or the Bruce Highway Western Alternative/ Moreton Motorway which are State and Federal funded.

How planning for infrastructure impacts you

This is your city. By having your say, you can help shape how it grows, and the kind of infrastructure our community will need for years to come.

As our city grows, we must ensure that both new (greenfield) suburbs, and established suburbs have access to good services and infrastructure. Doing both well is a balance and takes careful planning and significant investment.



The current planning scheme

The planning scheme is one of several documents that inform how infrastructure is planned and delivered. Specifically, the planning scheme includes:

- requirements for what infrastructure must be provided as part of new development
- a Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP) that identifies planned trunk infrastructure (Council's transport, stormwater, public parks and land for community facilities) for the next 10-15 years
- guiding how infrastructure charges from developments will be invested in trunk infrastructure (see figure below)
- identifying longer-term major infrastructure corridors and sites expected to be needed across the city.

Planning for infrastructure networks is designed to match the growth expected in the planning scheme.

What is trunk infrastructure?

Trunk infrastructure provides vital services to our communities. These include:



the green spaces, parks and sporting fields in which we play and relax



the roads that connect our neighbourhoods to the major Federal and State Government-managed roads



the pathways on which we cycle and walk



the stormwater systems that manage the impact of development on the health of our floodplains and waterways

Learn more at

moretonbay.link/new-planning-scheme



How the planning scheme could change

The planning scheme will create changes to our infrastructure needs as it shapes how and where land is developed in our city. The type, scale and intensity of development we allow in different areas will directly affect what infrastructure is needed and how efficiently it can be delivered. This will help guide where new homes, shops, business centres and industrial areas are planned in the new planning scheme.

We will also need to update our LGIP over time. This plan sits within the planning scheme and identifies where and when trunk infrastructure is delivered.

Development in new (greenfield) suburbs must set aside land needed for future roads, pathways, pipelines, parks and community facilities. In established neighbourhoods, assessments of existing infrastructure capacity are undertaken to determine what upgrades, or new infrastructure may be required.

We may also review and update our development standards, such as road widths, park types, and stormwater capacity. Keeping these standards up to date helps ensure our city is well designed and serviced without unnecessarily increasing housing costs or discouraging investment in City of Moreton Bay.

