
To 2042 AND BEYOND : INVESTING IN SEQ
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The Logan and Redlands Region (the Region) lies at the southern boundary of the Brisbane Local Government Area, the northern boundary of the Gold Coast and Scenic Rim Local Government Areas and the eastern boundary of the Ipswich Local Government Area. It is at the heart of transport, logistics, light manufacturing and suburban expansion in South East Queensland. This makes the Region one of the most dynamic, high growth and economically, socially and environmentally important regions of Australia.

The increasing demands being placed on the South East Queensland region through drivers for investment such as the 2032 SEQ Olympic and Paralympic Games, the SEQ City Deal, the Queensland State Infrastructure Strategy 2022, Inland Rail and linking to the Infrastructure Australia Gaps Report(s) are compelling evidence of the need to focus on how the region will leverage opportunities to achieve economic and social advantage.

South East Queensland has seen unprecedented population growth over the past few years with the recent pandemic driving northern migration decisions by people away from southern major cities and regions such as Sydney and Melbourne. This growth in population has meant demand for skills has increased. With the current employment situation and compounding skills shortages the responsibility for all levels of Governments, stakeholders and policy leaders is to drive capitalising on the opportunity for South East Queensland to compete on the world stage.

This means recognising and addressing:

- the growing demand on key infrastructure (transport, logistics, health care, age care etc);
- the infrastructure gaps throughout the region with resultant global and domestic supply issues;
- the population surge which can only be managed efficiently through policy, program and priority focus;
- the lack of affordable housing, transport network inadequacies and a lack of timely and efficient health care and education options; and
- areas suffering major economic disadvantage with a lack of reliable infrastructure and major housing and transport issues.

Redlands

The Redlands has major opportunities for economic growth. Under capitalised potential particularly in the tourism sector along the Redlands Coast, the Southern Morton Bay Islands (SMBI) and North Stradbroke Island all offer a wealth of opportunity.

The Redlands has seen a major increase in investment, with a current 10-year pipeline of investment worth an estimated \$6 billion. The pipeline is made up of 138 individual projects set to create employment opportunities, increase infrastructure in the region and attract more visitors and residence. Efficiencies to ensure full benefit from the pipeline demands better transport infrastructure, east west connectivity and a greater capacity of essential infrastructure to ensure long term prosperity in the region.

Logan

Logan is in a unique position in the region. It is currently a major manufacturing hub and boasts untapped land potential.

The City of Logan has a young community, with the median age (34) reasonably lower than the median age in the rest of Queensland (37). The young and diverse socioeconomic make up of Logan sets it apart from most economies in Australia, where an ageing population is more typical. Logan has a significant economic advantage with the the age of its labour force. However, to harness the full potential of the region's population, further access to training infrastructure and education facilities particularly around pathways is required.

South East Queensland

South East Queensland is a hive of activity at present. Securing the Olympic and Paralympic Games for South East Queensland for 2032 provides a platform for a major economic boost to the region which is already seeing increased investment around potential games venues and infrastructure. Queensland has the opportunity through such a major world event to drive the post games period and ensure infrastructure and investment aligned with the long term goals of the region. Looking to 2042 and population projections over the intervening period the region must adapt now to manage economic growth, sustain social responsibility and maintain regional amenities.

The **To 2042 and Beyond : Investing in SEQ** Summit aims to shift the focus and balance managing current needs and wants with a focus on future proofing the South East Queensland region. Together with a forward outlook we can prepare and secure long term infrastructure to service our continually growing region.