



Part B—Regional vision and strategic directions

The Queensland government has framed a 2020 vision in *Toward Q2: Tomorrow's Queensland* around five ambitions for communities in every Queensland region:

- Strong: Create a diverse economy powered by bright ideas
- Green: Protect our lifestyle and environment
- Smart: Deliver world-class education and training
- Healthy: Make Queenslanders Australia's healthiest people
- Fair: Support a safe and caring community

The regional vision for SEQ defines the SEQ community's long-term aspirations for the region.

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Regional vision

The regional vision for SEQ is a future that is sustainable, affordable, prosperous, liveable and resilient to climate change, where:

- communities are safe, healthy, accessible and inclusive
- there are diverse employment opportunities, and quality infrastructure and services, including education and health
- urban and rural areas are mutually supportive and collaborative in creating wealth for the community
- development is sustainable and well designed, and where the subtropical character of the region is recognised and reinforced

- ecological and culturally significant landscapes are valued, celebrated and protected
- the community has access to a range of quality, open space recreational opportunities.

South East Queensland is a region of interconnected communities, with excellent accessibility and an extensive and efficient public transport system that has contributed to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. At its heart is Brisbane, state capital and subtropical world city. Surrounding the capital are a number of large urban areas separated by open space, and many small to medium-sized towns and villages, each with its own character and identity. It is a region characterised by choice and diversity, with mountain ranges and hinterlands, Moreton Bay and islands, extensive beaches, parks, bush and farmlands.

South East Queensland is well managed with a sustainable quality of life based on a unique landscape, quality built form and diverse cultures. It has a progressive and well-informed community and enjoys international recognition for leadership in fostering sustainable regional equality and prosperity.

Strategic directions

The strategic directions statements set down the broad policy framework for managing growth and change in SEQ.

Creating a more sustainable future

The SEQ region is to be managed in a sustainable way by reducing the region's ecological footprint while enhancing its economy and its residents' quality of life. To achieve this, social, ecological and economic improvements need to be made in harmony.

The draft SEQ Regional Plan aims to protect biodiversity, contain urban development, build and maintain community identity, reduce car dependency, and support a prosperous economy. Communities are to be built and managed using contemporary measures to conserve water and energy, with buildings designed and sited to take advantage of the subtropical climate.

Addressing climate change and oil price increases

South East Queensland communities and tourism and agriculture industries are vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change. The challenges are to mitigate climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and to adapt to the effects of climate change by protecting areas at risk, such as low-lying areas vulnerable to flooding from higher sea levels.

Increasing oil prices will progressively affect the liveability and affordability in SEQ. New development must substantially reduce fuel use through reducing car dependency. The provision of increased densities and mixed uses that support public transport, with redevelopment closer to the city and regional activity centres is preferred.

Protecting the regional landscape and supporting rural production

Residents value SEQ's rural and natural landscape areas, which support environmental, rural production,

recreational, cultural and scenic features. These natural environment and economic resources underpin the region's liveability, form a substantial component of the economy, and will be protected from urban development and rural residential subdivision.

South East Queensland's rural communities are major contributors to Queensland's economy, providing diverse agriculture, grazing, forestry and fishing opportunities. Strong and viable rural communities are to be maintained so that they continue to contribute not only to the state's economy, but to the health, character, economy and liveability of the region.

Accommodating future growth

The draft SEQ Regional Plan identifies sufficient land to accommodate a projected population of 4.4 million people and their employment and economic development needs to 2031.

Urban growth and employment areas are distributed across the region to facilitate access and choice, assist housing affordability and strengthen regional identity. Future residential growth will be accommodated through a combination of infill and redevelopment in existing urban areas, broadacre development and limited rural living.

To accommodate medium- to long-term urban development, or to meet unforeseen market and community needs, future growth areas and specified areas to be investigated for suitability have been identified. These areas will be progressively brought on for urban development when the need arises.

Facilitating growth in the west

An increased proportion of the region's future population will be accommodated in the western and south-western corridors, making use of significant areas of available land and reducing pressure on the coast. Future growth in this corridor also provides the opportunity to achieve compatibility between employment, transport, infrastructure and population growth. By identifying areas

for future urban development and giving priority to infrastructure and services, increased economic and population growth will be attracted to the western and south-western corridors.

New development is expected to provide a wide range of housing types, locations and densities to meet the community's needs and to complement priority infrastructure investment.

Delivering smart growth

The draft SEQ Regional Plan requires a more efficient use of urban land by redeveloping older and under-used areas that are suitable and ready for renewal. This will be achieved by setting targets for infill development across the region, and by improving yields and housing choice in these areas.

A significant proportion of future residential growth will be accommodated through infill and redevelopment within existing urban areas. Prime locations for infill development are around urban activity centres that have existing facilities, services and amenities, and along public transport corridors and nodes where the public transport system can best service the additional population.

New residential areas will be developed with mixed uses and at densities that support walkable communities, public transport services and efficient delivery of infrastructure. Structure plans supported by agreed infrastructure arrangements and responsibilities will be required for broadacre development sites. New broadacre development should be carefully structured to support mixed use walkable neighbourhoods of at least 15 dwellings per hectare net. Delivering these densities in activity centres and new residential areas will protect backyards in many traditional character suburbs and localities.

Reducing automobile dependence and congestion

The Urban Footprint limits the expansion of SEQ's urban areas and consequent regional travel.



The preferred land use planning approach to limit traffic congestion is to locate self-contained activities in well-defined nodes and along existing and planned transport corridors.

Infill and redevelopment are supported through transit oriented development at activity centres and corridors that have a jobs/housing balance and 30 to 40 people per hectare gross or more.

Accessibility with genuine alternatives to private car use provides transport choice and reduces car dependency. This includes increasing the availability of high quality public transport, creating resiliency and connectivity within the transportation network, and ensuring connectivity between pedestrian, bike, public transport and road facilities.

The overall efficiency of existing and proposed investment in transport infrastructure will be improved through better coordinating and sequencing of these land use and transportation approaches.

Enhancing the identity of regional communities

Emphasis is placed on building strong and well-serviced communities with distinct local character and identity.

Growing urban areas will be contained and framed by the Regional Landscape and Rural Production Area (RLRPA) to preserve key inter-urban breaks, which define the extent and character of regional communities. These inter-urban breaks range in scale from a separation of the Brisbane

metropolitan area and the Gold and Sunshine Coasts, to smaller inter-urban breaks defining local settlements. The preferred structure also encourages consolidating growth within and immediately adjacent to rural townships.

Providing infrastructure and services

Infrastructure needed to support the future development of the region is identified in order to manage future growth patterns and inform the implementation and review of the SEQIPP. The provision of roads and public transport to support current and future residents is a key priority. Water and energy use will be a key focus across the region—to reduce consumption, manage demand and increase the use of renewable resources in the interests of a more sustainable region.