

Fact sheet 4: Infrastructure provision

In preparing the Housing Supply and Diversity Strategy for the Redlands Coast (the housing strategy), it is critical the State Government also considers the infrastructure needed to support the additional population they deem appropriate.

The Redland Coast community has been calling for decades for specific infrastructure upgrades to keep pace with growth, including the delivery of the eastern busway, the duplication of the Cleveland train line and road and intersection upgrades. In time, the State should also fund and deliver other necessary upgrades to its infrastructure networks (e.g., health care, education, roads, emergency services and public transport).

It is noted that the planning minister has advised in correspondence to Council dated 15 September 2022 that 'The Queensland Government will also consider future infrastructure that would support population growth and increase housing supply'. Council agrees that infrastructure provision to support population growth and housing supply is critical and welcomes this commitment.



Council expects that the key findings of the housing strategy will inform the future preparation of the South-East Queensland Infrastructure Plan, which is understood to be in the early stages of development.

Lagging infrastructure investment to meet the requirements of new development may result in substantial social and economic productivity costs for our communities.

Council would encourage the State to ensure its housing strategy for the Redlands avoids adding to these costs by ensuring consideration is given to meeting supporting infrastructure requirements.

Council believes a review of the State Government's current infrastructure charges regime should be undertaken to support the planning and delivery of infrastructure in line with population growth. The current capped charge regime severs the link between additional demand generated by new development and the actual cost of the infrastructure required. Due to this discrepancy, there is an increasing cost burden to Council and existing ratepayers, which is unsustainable in the long term.