

## Chapter 18. The future

Through the IRTP, the transport needs of the region have been comprehensively identified. The predicted growth, the potential impact of excessive car dependence, and the extent of the funding shortfall, create significant challenges for government and the community.

Based on experience in urban transport issues in population growth areas around the world, governments in South East Queensland will find it increasingly difficult to match the public's expectations for increasing mobility with:

- their willingness to finance transport system improvements;
- their willingness to accept the inevitable impact of new transport facilities on communities; and
- the state of the environment this generation wishes to leave for future generations.

The support and understanding of the public is essential if major changes to travel culture are to be achieved. This *Integrated Regional Transport Plan for South East Queensland* establishes a course for finding the right balance.

