

Planning for the future: Connecting the western region of SEQ

Ipswich to Springfield Public Transport Corridor Study

Study background

In October 2006, the Queensland Government commenced the Ipswich to Springfield Public Transport Corridor Study to identify the best location for a future public transport corridor.

The need to address public transport requirements between Ipswich and Springfield was identified in the South East Queensland (SEQ) Regional Plan and the SEQ Infrastructure Plan and Program 2006-2026.

The plans predict a significant population increase in the Ipswich area over the next 20 years.

This population increase will require new and enhanced infrastructure and services to provide residents with fast and accessible transport options, and at the same time support employment and industry growth in the region.

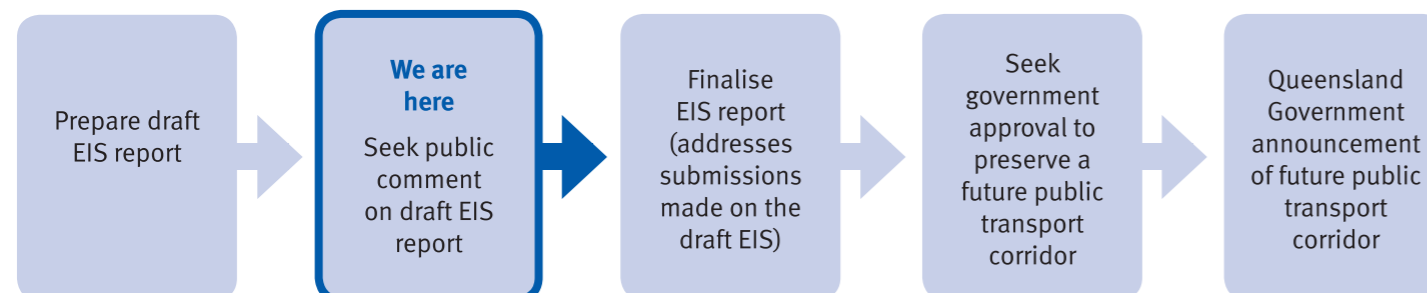
Making a written submission

The study team encourages you to make a written submission on the draft EIS. At this stage we are looking for detailed information that will assist the Queensland Government to make a decision on the preservation of the transport corridor.

If you are providing a submission please ensure you include key points and refer to a particular EIS chapter. There is no specified method for submissions. Your submission could be in the form of a letter, email, short summary paper or a longer research document. If possible, please include an original signature on your submission.

Handwritten submissions are also acceptable, but please ensure that your handwriting is legible.

Study timeline



If you have questions or would like to discuss the format of your submission please contact the study team.

All information collected by the study team will be used for the sole purpose of assisting the assessment of this study. Information, including names and addresses of respondents, may be published in subsequent assessment documents unless the correspondent clearly indicates in writing that all (or part) of that information is not to be published.

Submissions will not be responded to individually.

For further information

For further information about the draft EIS report, to discuss overall study issues or to add your details to the study mailing list, please contact the study team using the following details:

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Environmental Impact Study (EIS) on display

After extensive community consultation and detailed technical investigations, a draft Environmental Impact Study report (EIS) on the preferred public transport corridor is now available for public comment.

The EIS will be on public display for six weeks from Friday, 22 June 2007.

The EIS contains a summary of the investigations conducted by the study team.

It identifies the potential benefits, opportunities and impacts on the surrounding environment and the community of the preferred public transport corridor. Queensland Transport invites you to view and submit comments on the draft EIS.

Your submissions will be considered and included in the final EIS.

Contents of the draft EIS report

The draft EIS report has a number of chapters which deal with the specific environmental, social and economic studies that were conducted.

These include, but are not limited to:

- assessing the need for the proposed corridor
- study objectives and alternatives
- a description of the existing environment
- legal and approval processes
- physical environment, including studies on land forms, soils, water, noise, vibration and air quality
- biological environment, including plants and animals
- human environment, including visual amenity, land use, cultural heritage
- the community consultation process.

Moving forward

Following consultation the EIS report will then be finalised and submitted to government to consider the preservation of the preferred corridor.

The Queensland Government must approve the corridor before a decision is made on the preferred mode of transport and construction timeline

Queensland Transport will continue to keep the community informed about the preferred corridor, timelines, construction decisions and future planning.

Viewing the EIS

The EIS can be viewed at staffed information displays at the Ipswich and Redbank Plains libraries and at www.pb.com.au/isptcs. You can also call or email the study team at aubneisptcs@pb.com.au or contact us on freecall 1800 671 836. A CD copy of the report is also available by request.

Staffed information displays

Study team members, including Queensland Transport and technical staff, will be available to speak with at the following locations:

Thursday 12 July 4.30pm – 7.30pm
Yamanto Shopping Village
(Warwick Road)

Saturday 14 July 10am – 1pm
Redbank Plains Shopping Centre
(Redbank Plains Road)

Thursday 26 July 4.30pm – 7.30pm
Redbank Plains Shopping Centre
(Redbank Plains Road)

Saturday 28 July 10am – 1pm
Staff and Graduate Lounge
UQ Ipswich Campus Library
(Building 8, Salisbury Road)

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