

South East Queensland Regional Plan 2017

Making the most of our future

On 11 August 2017, the *South East Queensland Regional Plan 2017*, also known as *ShapingSEQ*, was given effect as the new regional plan for South East Queensland (SEQ).

ShapingSEQ replaces the *South East Queensland Regional Plan 2009–2031*. This fact sheet provides an overview of the new plan.

What is *ShapingSEQ*?

[ShapingSEQ](#) provides a regional framework for growth management, which sets the long-term planning direction for sustainable growth, a globally competitive economy, and high-quality living.

ShapingSEQ informs local planning across the region's 12 local government areas and guides future infrastructure planning and investment to ensure regional growth is well-supported and contributes to a prosperous and livable region.

Prepared in partnership with local government and informed by the values, needs and aspirations of the community, *ShapingSEQ* establishes a blueprint for SEQ's future.

Why does SEQ need a regional plan?

SEQ is a diverse region that will continue to grow and experience change over the next 25 years. It is important that the region is well-positioned to respond positively to this growth, and change in a manner that meets the expectations of the community.

Over the next 25 years, SEQ is expected to grow from about 3.5 million to 5.3 million people. This will require almost 800,000 new dwellings and around 950,000 new jobs.

Accommodating this growth requires a long-term vision for the region to protect the values we cherish and which sustain us, and the quality of life that we all enjoy.

ShapingSEQ sets this vision and provides the planning framework to achieve it. This planning framework seeks to:

- identify a long-term sustainable pattern of development
- promote more diverse housing options including options that address shifting expectations and changing demographics
- plan for more high-value jobs and an export-oriented economy
- move people, products and information more efficiently
- prioritise active and public transport, and improve the reliability and frequency of the public transport network
- protect and enhance the natural environment that nurtures and supports life
- respond to projected impacts of climate change
- create more liveable urban places and spaces for our communities
- promote adaptable sub-tropical living that is accessible and attractive.



SEQ's regional growth pattern

ShapingSEQ defines the desired future settlement pattern that aims to use land more efficiently, while protecting the values important to the community. Based on the principles of efficient land use, SEQ's regional growth pattern will play a key role in the success and sustainability of the region.

The regional growth pattern designates land in SEQ in one of three regional land use classifications:

- Urban Footprint
- Rural Living Area
- Regional Landscape and Rural Production Area.

These areas are shown on the [SEQ regulatory maps 1–32 \(1:50,000 scale\)](#), and on the department's [interactive mapping system](#).

How will *ShapingSEQ* be delivered?

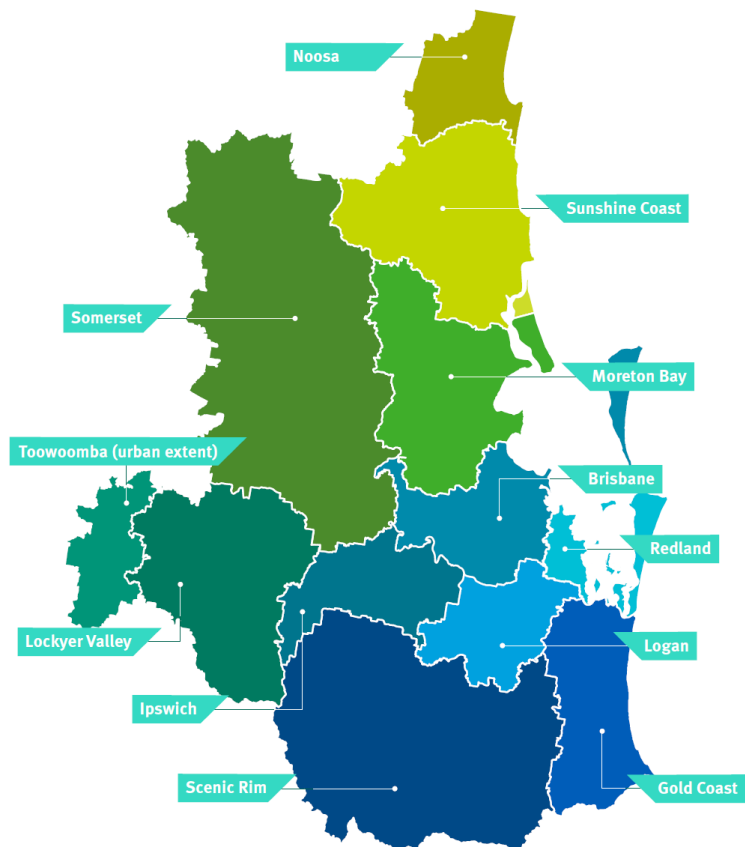
ShapingSEQ is a strategic plan that relies on a range of other plans and programs for effective delivery.

These include local government planning schemes, and other planning instruments including the State Infrastructure Plan.

ShapingSEQ also emphasises the need for strong leadership, good governance and ongoing implementation, including measuring the plan's performance, and monitoring land supply and development activity in the region over time to inform future decision-making.

The plan is supported by regulatory provisions to ensure particular types of development activity in the region are consistent with *ShapingSEQ* policy, these are found in the [Planning Regulation 2017](#).

For more information on how the plan will be delivered, refer to chapters 4 and 5 of *ShapingSEQ*.



SEQ's 12 local government areas

Consultation

To inform and refine the plan-making process, the Queensland Government undertook an extensive 15 month consultation program with the community, industry, local governments and state agencies.

For more information on *ShapingSEQ*, including a copy of the consultation report visit www.dilgp.qld.gov.au/shaping-seq.