

# What is a regional plan?

A regional plan is a long-term document prepared by the Queensland government that guides how a region, made up of several local government, will grow and respond to change over the next 20-25 years. Regional plans address issues and identify opportunities that cross local government boundaries for the benefit of the region.

Queensland covers a vast area made up of different climatic, demographic and economic regions. Each region has very different planning and development challenges and opportunities.

## What a regional plan does

Regional plans help the Queensland Government and local government align planning for a region's future.

Each regional plan sets a long-term direction that guides overall growth patterns and land use outcomes. The plans aim to ensure that, across the whole of a region, future development is planned in a way that creates good outcomes for our communities, the economy and the environment. They aim to:

- identify a region's comparative economic advantages and opportunities
- make sure there is enough land and spaces available in the right locations to support communities' needs (including housing, services and business areas)
- maximise the liveability of our communities by ensuring there is green space, community facilities, places to work and shop and housing options
- ensure infrastructure is planned for and used efficiently
- protect the natural environment and manmade features such as heritage buildings
- make communities more resilient to natural hazards such as floods and bushfires.

## How regional plan outcomes are delivered

Regional plan outcomes are primarily delivered through local government **planning schemes**.

Each local government must consider how the regional plan applies in their local area when making or amending a planning scheme. Regional plans help neighbouring local government prepare planning schemes that address cross-boundary issues and promotes linkages with neighbouring areas.

Regional plans identify future regional infrastructure needs and opportunities to support regional economic development. This co-ordinated infrastructure planning can inform government programs and priorities in the **State Infrastructure Plan** and the delivery of national infrastructure.

Regional plans do not commit governments to spending or infrastructure delivery for specific projects and do not necessarily address all issues in the region, such as education, health and policing.

## How to get involved in regional planning

Regional plans are prepared by the Queensland Government in collaboration with local government, interest groups and the wider community to ensure everyone's interests are considered.

To find out about opportunities to get involved in regional plans under preparation, or to sign up for updates, visit the **Have your say** site. Find out about **Queensland's regional plans**.

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