

APPENDIX K – ASSESSMENT OF TOOWOOMBA REGIONAL COUNCIL STRATEGIES/INVESTIGATIONS

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Toowoomba Region Sport, Active Recreation and Healthy Living Plan 2019	<p>The Toowoomba Region Sport, Active Recreation and Healthy Living Plan 2019 seeks to promote sport and recreation facilities to assist in promoting active and healthy lifestyles within the region.</p> <p>The plan provides the following overview:</p> <p>“Toowoomba Regional council has a commitment to the health of residents as evident by many strategic actions outlined in the corporate plan.</p> <p>The Sport, Active Recreation and Healthy Living Plan builds on existing Council work and reports and will assist to guide actions in supporting sport, active recreation and healthy living across the Toowoomba Region in the short to medium term through to 2026.</p> <p><u>Scope of the project includes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport • Active Recreation and Healthy Living • Nature Based Recreation • Regional Skate/Scooter/Bike • Velodrome needs assessment • Rock Climbing, Bouldering and Abseiling” <p>To assist in ensuring it achieves the above, the plan has assessed existing demographics, and sport and recreation facilities on a land use area basis and provides individual recommendations for each area to ensure all residents are provided with adequate facilities.</p>	<p>The LGID seeks to facilitate the establishment of a regionally significant sport and recreation precinct. The proposed development will provide a range of regionally significant sport and recreation facilities at this location to encourage active lifestyles for all members of the public. Accordingly, the development assists in achieving the outcomes sought for the region under the Toowoomba Region Sport, Active Recreation and Healthy Living Plan 2019.</p> <p>The “Active and Health Community Profile – Toowoomba West” section of this plan reviews the existing demographics, and sport and recreation facilities within the western Toowoomba area and provides recommendations to improve the facilities in the area. In this instance, the recommendation that relates to this development states the following:</p> <p>“Ensure development of the West Toowoomba Land Use Area in accordance with the Land Use Investigation Plan and Structure Plan for the area, which has active and healthy living at the core.”</p> <p>As demonstrated at section 7.4.3 of the EAR, the proposed development generally complies with the intent and outcomes recommended by the West Toowoomba Land Use Investigation 2016, and accordingly complies with the outcomes sought for Toowoomba West under the Toowoomba Region Sport, Active Recreation and Healthy Living Plan 2019</p>
Toowoomba Regional Strategic Sport and Recreation Plan 2010	<p>The Toowoomba Regional Strategic Sport and Recreation Plan 2010 sought to review existing and future sport and recreation facilities, programs and services within the region to provide a balanced response to the needs of the community.</p> <p>Section 2 of the Plan provides the following summary of the outcomes sought by this plan:</p>	<p>Section 6 – Moving Forward of the Toowoomba Regional Strategic Sport and Recreation Plan 2010 identified that a new regional outdoor sports complex was required to service the region, as per the following extract:</p> <p>“This Plan clearly notes the need to develop a new regional outdoor sports complex offering a range of (predominately) field sport opportunities to meet the needs of both the existing and predicted future users.</p>

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	<p>"1. development of a twenty year sport and recreation plan highlighting areas of priority and including a realistic and achievable action plan and estimated budgetary allocations</p> <p>2. identification of future prioritised facility development (both new facilities and upgrades to existing facilities) based on demand and sustainability for the region</p> <p>3. identification of preferred management systems for sport and recreation facilities</p> <p>4. identification of potential sites for future sport and recreation development."</p>	<p>Further, the Open Space Network Study has identified a current deficiency in development sports land with this deficiency predicted to increase (as the population grows) unless additional facilities are developed."</p> <p>The plan further identifies three (3) potential sites for the recommended regional precinct, being Wyreema Road (south of Drayton), the Toowoomba Airport (if it was relocated) and Charlton (the subject land). Given the Toowoomba Airport is not currently planned to be relocated, and the significant growth expected within the West Toowoomba Land Use Area, the Infrastructure Entity has determined the Charlton site (the subject land) to be the most appropriate option in this instance.</p> <p>The LGID seeks to facilitate the establishment of a regionally significant sport and recreation precinct, which will provide a range of sport and recreation facilities (predominantly facilities for field sports) as recommended by the Plan. Accordingly, the proposed development is considered to be in accordance with the recommendations of this plan and assists in achieving the outcomes sought for the community under this plan.</p>
Toowoomba Regional Council Corporate Plan 2019-2024	<p>The Toowoomba Regional Council Corporate Plan 2019-2024 outlines the vision, goals, outcomes and strategic action that Toowoomba Regional Council have identified as necessary to ensure that the needs and aspirations of the region can be met. The plan is reviewed quarterly by Council to determine whether the goals are being achieved. The Corporate Plan outlines the following goals that Council wishes to achieve over the life of the plan:</p> <p>"People Council supports a safe, health and engaged region. We create opportunities for people to connect and belong. We are proud of our unique and diverse communities.</p> <p>Place</p>	<p>The TRSP assists Council in achieving these goals as follows:</p> <p>People</p> <p>The precinct provides regional-level sporting and recreation facilities which enable and encourage participation in sport and is expected to attract further intra and inter-state sporting events to the region.</p> <p>Accordingly, the TRSP achieves Strategic Actions 1.2.3 and 1.2.5 of this goal.</p> <p>Place</p> <p>The TRSP provides sport and recreation facilities which promote outdoor lifestyles and encourages community participation, whilst ensuring it enhances the urban environment and aligns the community's expectations for facilities within Toowoomba. Additionally, the location of the site ensures the facility can provide all the required</p>

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	<p>Council supports sustainable and innovative practices to conserve our valuable natural assets and rich agricultural land. Our environment is protected for future generations to enjoy.</p> <p>Sustainability</p> <p>Council integrates good planning and sustainable infrastructure networks to enhance our communities. Our infrastructure is well-maintained and enables growth into the future.</p> <p>Prosperity</p> <p>Our region has a strong and diverse economy. Flourishing businesses and industries attract and retain employment opportunities. Rich traditions and bold ambitions continue to drive our region.</p> <p>Performance</p> <p>Our diverse region's values are reflected through ethical decision-making and good governance. Our approach to improvement and innovation enhances customer experience."</p> <p>Each of these goals contain outcomes and strategic actions which assist Council in further identifying what these goals mean and how they can be achieved.</p>	<p>facilities, without adversely impacting on the region's agricultural features.</p> <p>Accordingly, the TRSP achieves Strategic Actions 2.2.2, 2.2.3, 2.3.1, 2.3.2 and 2.3.3 of this goal.</p> <p>Sustainability</p> <p>The proposed development has been designed to advance water efficiency and security, through the construction of new recycled water infrastructure for irrigation purposes and the incorporation of water sensitive urban design features into the detailed design. Additionally, the proposed development will be connected to transport, sewerage and stormwater infrastructure, which will be upgraded, where required, to ensure existing and future demand of the facility and surrounding locality can be met.</p> <p>Accordingly, the TRSP achieves Strategic Actions 3.2.1 – 3.2.6, 3.3.2 and 3.3.3 of this goal.</p> <p>Prosperity</p> <p>The precinct provides regional-level sporting and recreation facilities which enable and encourage participation in sport and is expected to promote Toowoomba as the regional centre for sport and recreation. Additionally, the TRSP is expected to attract further intra and inter-state sporting events to the region.</p> <p>Accordingly, the TRSP achieves Strategic Actions 4.1.5, 4.1.6 and 4.1.7 of this goal.</p> <p>Performance</p> <p>This goal relates to the leadership and governance of Council and is not relevant to this development.</p>
Green Infrastructure Strategy	<p>The Green Infrastructure Strategy provides direction for the implementation and amendment of framework to ensure they appropriately incorporate provisions for green infrastructure.</p> <p>The purpose of this strategy is "not to set measurable targets at this time, but to lay the foundation for the future development of meaningful objectives based on</p>	<p>The Green Infrastructure Strategy relates to the development of framework, and as such does not include measurable targets which the development can be assessed against.</p> <p>Notwithstanding this, the proposed development has sought to incorporate a range of green infrastructure within</p>

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<p>Toowoomba Region Open Space Strategy 2016</p>	<p>a strong understanding of Toowoomba's existing green infrastructure".</p> <p>The Toowoomba Region Open Space Strategy 2016 seeks to assist in achieving the goals within Council's Corporate Plan to promote active and healthy communities through integrated and accessible open spaces areas and networks. The strategy makes the follow comments with regards to open space:</p> <p><i>"Open Space is an important element in the fabric of the community with the social, ecological and economic benefits associated with Open Space supporting the highly valued lifestyle of the Toowoomba Region. Investing in a network of well-designed and cared for Open Spaces, that focus on diversity and quality, adds to the character of the region while providing places for people. The Strategy promotes the integration of Open Space, as appropriate, with other infrastructure networks such as pedestrian / cycle active transport networks and stormwater management. Linear corridors and tree lined streets extend this integrated network, promoting sustainable asset management."</i></p> <p>The strategy identifies key goals in order to achieve the above and provides an action plan to direct future planning for open space.</p>	<p>the precinct, from tree lined streets to a district park with bushland and waterways.</p> <p>The TRSP assists Council in achieving the goals and objectives within the Action Plan under the Toowoomba Region Open Space Strategy 2016 by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • providing facilities for sport and recreation clubs which contribute to their sustainable growth; • allowing collaboration between Council and sporting bodies to increase sporting variation and availability within the region; • providing areas for "difficult to locate" sports such as the proposed shooting range; • identifying and providing quality open space areas which extend the park diversity and contributes to the cultural and natural environment; • providing parks and recreation areas which encourage interaction with natural features; • incorporating socially and environmentally sustainable features that protect and enhance the visual amenity of the region; • integrating public and active transport networks with open space, sports and recreation facilities; • supporting active transport options; and • incorporating regional-level sporting facilities which are expected to attract intra and inter-state sporting events to the region.
<p>Toowoomba Region Sustainable Transport Strategy 2014</p>	<p>The Toowoomba Region Sustainable Transport Strategy 2014 sought to review the transport systems within the region and determine how new and upgraded infrastructure and services can improve the way residents and visitors move throughout the region.</p> <p><i>"The Strategy set out Council's policy directions and actions around:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>the future challenges that the transport system needs to address (Chapter 2)</i> 	<p>The Toowoomba Region Sustainable Transport Strategy 2014 relates to the development of framework and policies focused on improving connectivity within and to/from the region. The strategy looks at a whole-of-region approach and how people move around the region. As a result, it does not provide recommendations for the design and incorporation of transport facilities within individual non-residential developments.</p> <p>Notwithstanding this, the TRSP has been designed to incorporate a range of internal transport options, including pedestrian, cycle and vehicle networks. These networks are</p>

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Toowoomba Region Urban Design Initiative 2012	<p>The Toowoomba Region Urban Design Initiative 2012 involved the development of the new Urban Design Policy and training of Council staff and local professionals in the implementation and outcomes sought under this new policy. The initiative identified the following urban design priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An urban design culture; Centres; Creating places for people; Education and skills; Making the city centre masterplan a reality; Next generation neighbourhoods; Street trees and the 'Garden City'. 	<p>Whilst the Toowoomba Region Urban Design Initiative 2012 confirms that it is not assessment criteria, the proposed development, during detailed design stage, will seek to incorporate architectural features and spaces in accordance with the outcomes sought within the urban design policy under this initiative.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable design; • The best urban design at all scales; and • Toowoomba style. <p>It is noted however that the Toowoomba Region Urban Design Initiative 2012 confirms that unless "adapted in the planning scheme, this document is not assessment criteria for development assessment purposes. However, it does offer urban design guidance that will be useful to development proponents and development assessment planners and engineers."</p>	