



TOOWOOMBA REGION **FUTURES**



Toowoomba Design Framework *Phase 2 Consultation*

The Toowoomba Design Framework for Towns and Suburbs is a study that outlines the community values which must be considered when looking at future planning developments in Toowoomba's regional communities.

As part of the Toowoomba Region Futures program, Council is working on ways to protect the things we love most about our Region and its towns. The Design Framework will also identify how communities want their towns to adapt to meet their needs and those of future generations.

During October and November 2021, we asked the community to provide feedback on the draft Design Framework to help us deliver better urban development outcomes in our towns and suburbs. We wanted to ensure the guidelines reflected what you told us in the first round of consultation and to give opportunity for any changes to be incorporated into our new Planning Scheme.

Key findings from the Toowoomba Design Framework feedback are outlined over the page.

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WHAT WE DID...



WORKSHOPS

Online and face-to-face community workshop at Toowoomba City Library



ONLINE FORUMS

Targeted online forums with Council Advisory Committees and the Development Industry



ONLINE SURVEY

Online survey during October and November 2021 (4-week period)

WHAT YOU TOLD US...



TOWN CHARACTER:

Strong support for Neighbourhood Character Area guidelines and for new neighbourhoods to reflect the character of surrounding areas.



GREENER STREETS:

Strong support for green, shady, high-quality streets which provide access to different transport modes, such as cycling, walking and use of public transport.



HOUSING:

Strong support for more diverse, sustainable and adaptable housing. A desire for guidelines which allow scope for innovation.



GUIDELINES:

A demand for Council to show more flexibility to support innovation in new developments.



AWARENESS:

Readily available guidelines, such as handbooks and educational videos, particularly for property owners within Neighbourhood Character Areas.

NEXT STEPS...

Community feedback on the urban form guidelines will be incorporated into our new Planning Scheme to help us achieve future design outcomes such as:

- Strengthening local character
- Building better neighbourhoods
- Creating vibrant streets that respect neighbourhood character
- Delivering improved housing diversity and choice

