

GREEN.IS PHASE 2 CONSULTATION

Green infrastructure is a network of naturally occurring or built assets with a living component that deliver important benefits to people and places in both urban and rural environments. In collaboration with our local communities, we're preparing a Green Infrastructure Strategy (Green.IS) as a key environmental policy to support the planning, development and integration of green infrastructure across the Toowoomba Region.

In April and May 2018 we invited the community to identify issues and opportunities for green infrastructure across our region. Key findings from this process are outlined below.

WHAT WE DID...



Six community and stakeholder workshops in April and May 2018



Online and hard copy surveys in May and June 2018

WHAT YOU TOLD US...



Policy, programs and incentives

- Legislation, policies, programs and incentives to improve, protect and provide green infrastructure.
- Best practice approaches to better understand the current extent, condition and value of green assets.



Development

- The design, management and construction of new development in the region, e.g. open space and recreational areas and linear corridor / active transport corridors.



Trees and vegetation

- Protecting, retaining and enhancing trees and vegetation across the region including remnant vegetation, habitat areas, biodiversity values and community gardens.



Collaboration and promotion

- Building local capacity and knowledge around environmental values and sustainability.
- Investigating opportunities for Council to partner and collaborate with other government, not-for-profit, private sector, community groups and residents.
- Promoting green infrastructure within and outside the region.



Identity and character

- Social values and community identity associated with the region's green infrastructure, e.g. Aboriginal cultural heritage, visual amenity and landscape character.



Waterways and water quality

- The protection and management of waterways.
- Incorporating water sensitive urban design practices and principles in policy and practice.



Management and maintenance

- The management and maintenance of trees and vegetation in public and private areas including the protection of agricultural land values.



General

- Matters not addressed by the above-listed themes, e.g. climate change, car parking and objections to new development.

NEXT STEPS...

- Develop the Green Infrastructure Strategy
- Invite the community and other stakeholders to comment on a draft version of the strategy in late 2018.
- Release the final version of the Green Infrastructure Strategy in early 2019.