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Ipswich**

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Local Disaster Management Plan

A plan for the
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FOREWORD



It is an honour to oversee our city's disaster responses as the 51st Mayor of Ipswich and Chair of the Local Disaster Management Group.

From fires to floods and pandemics, our residents are known for their community spirit and unmatched resilience. I saw these values firsthand last year, as Ipswich banded together during the COVID pandemic and hundreds of emergency services staff and volunteers supported residents in the aftermath of the October 31 hailstorm.

Strategic planning and collaboration are crucial to keeping our city prepared for disasters. Our 2021 Local Disaster Management Plan sets out roles and responsibilities for each of the relevant agencies at the Local and State Government levels ensuring that, when the need arises, we are prepared to act in a way that is coordinated and effective.

At council, we place the community at the forefront in everything we do. That means building a deep understanding of who our residents are and how they work and live when developing a plan to respond to natural disasters. In these pages you will find risk analyses and response actions based on detailed demographic information about the people of Ipswich.

My thanks to all staff and volunteers who supported our community during 2020. As the Chair of your Local Disaster Management Group, I am ready to lead the response to any challenge that nature throws our way.

Mayor Teresa Harding
Chair, City of Ipswich LDMG

This past year has seen us establish the inaugural Local Recovery and Resilience Group (LRG), of which I was delighted to be appointed the first Chair, in addition to my role as Deputy Chair of the LDMG.

I have played a significant role, alongside our hailstorm recovery and reconstruction taskforce lead Cr Nicole Jonic, keeping in constant touch with residents still doing it tough from that once-in-a-lifetime storm.

Council has partnered with a number of agencies on the Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction project, which aims to reduce disaster risk for people with disability and their carers, who make up 17 per cent of the Ipswich population.

We have also been busy developing bushfire response plans for some of the city's natural area estates at highest risk of bushfire, which not only assists QFES with operational responses in these areas but incorporate environmental and cultural priorities for those areas.

The next year will see us maintaining our focus on continuous improvement by reviewing our responses to the events of 2020–2021, identifying lessons and using those to build on future responses.

While we work on refining our response, we also encourage you to consider an important question: 'how will you keep your family, friends, pets and neighbours safe in an emergency?' By thinking about this question and taking a few small steps toward getting ready, every individual and household can contribute to the overall resilience of Ipswich.

Cr Kate Kunzelmann
Deputy Chair, City of Ipswich LDMG

PART 2: DOCUMENT CONTROL

2.1 Authority to plan

The Local Disaster Management Plan (LDMP) has been developed by Ipswich City Council and key stakeholders pursuant to Sections 57 and 58 of the *Disaster Management Act 2003*.

2.2 Approval and endorsement

Section 80(1)(b) requires council to approve its LDMP. This plan was approved as a plan for the City of Ipswich by resolution at the Environment and Sustainability Committee No. 6, 8 July 2021 and council Ordinary Meeting of 22 July 2021.

The plan was endorsed by the City of Ipswich Local Disaster Management Group in August 2021.

2.3 Access to disaster plans

This plan has an information classification of OFFICIAL.

The LDMP and associated sub plans, excluding confidential information, are available for public viewing at [Ipswich.qld.gov.au/emergency](https://www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/emergency) in a PDF format, under disaster management plans.¹

2.4 Consultation

In addition to council, various organisations and stakeholders were afforded the opportunity to provide feedback, suggest alterations or identify omissions in relation to the development and/or maintenance of this document. Their involvement and expertise is acknowledged and greatly appreciated.

2.5 Continuous improvement and review

This document will be reviewed at least annually² with relevant amendments made and distributed. The annual review will be scheduled for June–July each year and this is reflected in the amendments register.

The plan will undergo a significant review every four years. Notice of amendments will be made to the Local Disaster Management Group, the Local Recovery and Resilience Group and the District Disaster Coordinator via the Executive Officer.

It is acknowledged that feedback from stakeholders and members of the community is essential. Proposals for amendments or inclusions can be addressed in writing to:

Chief Executive Officer

Attention: Emergency Management Unit
(Ipswich City Council)
Email: council@ipswich.qld.gov.au

2.6 Amendment register and review schedule

The LDMP is a controlled document of the Ipswich City Council. The document controller is the Emergency Management and Sustainability Manager who is authorised to make minor amendments that do not materially affect the plan.

Table 1 – Amendment register and review schedule

Version	Date	Comment
2.00	July 2012	Plan reviewed after 'Wild Fire Exercise' conducted
3.00	February 2016	Complete review and revision incorporating 2015 Queensland State Disaster Management Plan (SDMP). Complete change to formatting, style and layout.
4.00	June 2017	Annual review conducted. Plan updated for 2016 Strategic Policy Framework, 2016 Queensland State Disaster Management Plan and 2016 Interim Recovery Plan
5.00	25 June 2019	Annual review conducted. Amendments related to release of the 2018 Queensland Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Recovery Disaster Management Guidelines and the Queensland State Disaster Management Plan.
5.01	18 July 2019	LDMG endorsement feedback – Minor and inconsequential amendments. Update LDMG member table.
6.00	7 July 2020	Annual review conducted. Updated foreword and administrative matters such as entity names, reporting lines as a result of machinery of government and other organisational restructures. Formatting and improvements to readability.
6.01	22 August 2020	LDMG endorsement feedback – Minor and inconsequential amendments. Update LDMG member table, clarify NBN role, clarify GIVIT membership status
7.00	29 June 2021	Annual review conducted. Major review cycle changed to four-yearly. Updated administrative matters, machinery of government changes. Formatting and improvements to accessibility.
7.01	July 2022	Annual review scheduled
7.02	July 2023	Annual review scheduled
7.03	July 2024	Annual review scheduled

¹ Section 60, *Disaster Management Act 2003*, Plan to be available for inspection etc.

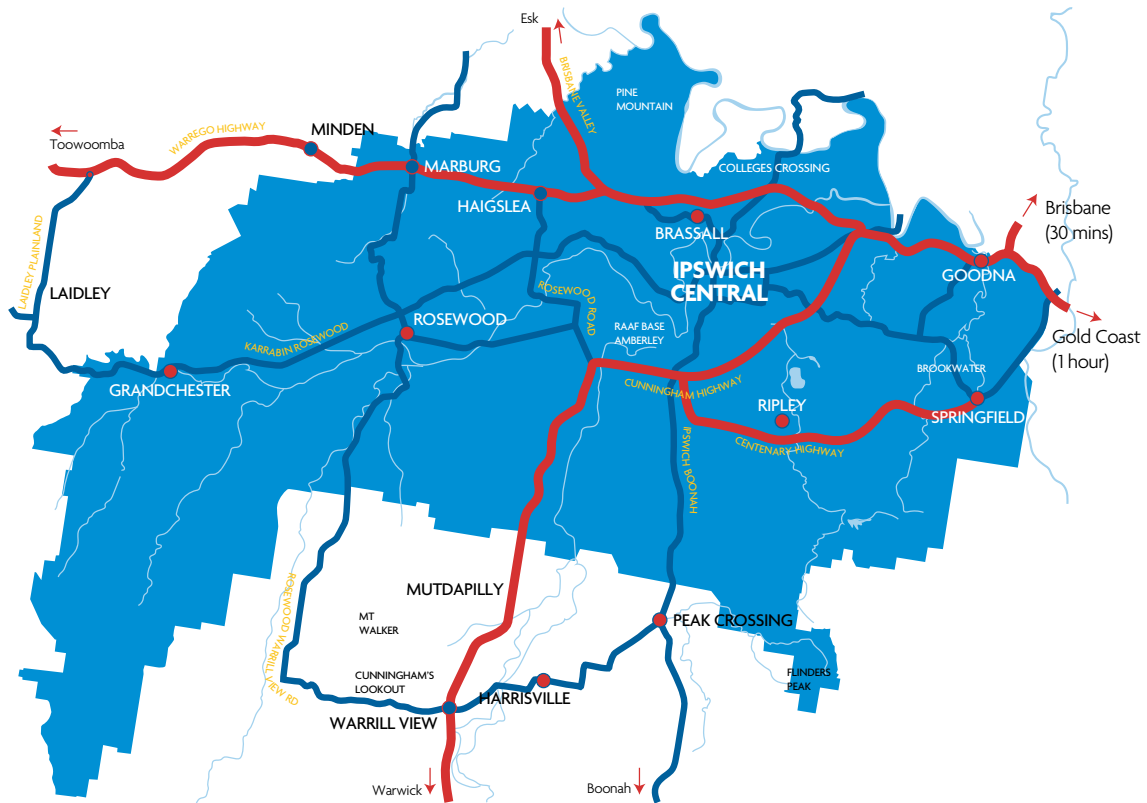
² Section 59, *Disaster Management Act 2003*, Reviewing and Renewing Plan

PART 3: INTRODUCTION

3.1 Scope of application

This plan applies to the Ipswich local government area (LGA).

Figure 1 - Ipswich Local Government Area



3.2 Purpose

As legislated in Section 57 of *the Act*, the purpose of the LDMP is to:

- a) embed the State group's strategic policy framework for disaster management for the State, and detail council's policies for disaster management
- b) define the roles and responsibilities of entities involved in disaster management
- c) detail arrangements for the coordination of disaster operations and activities relating to disaster management performed by the entities involved in disaster management
- d) identify the events that are likely to happen in the area
- e) identify the strategies and priorities for disaster management for the area.

This plan provides a comprehensive, all-hazards, all-agencies approach to disaster management.

3.3 Guiding principles

This plan and disaster management within Queensland follows the four guiding principles outlined in *the Act*:

- a) Disaster management should be planned across the following four phases — of prevention, preparedness, response and recovery (PPRR);
- b) All events, whether natural or caused by human acts or omissions, should be managed in accordance with the strategic policy statement,³ the state disaster management plan and any other disaster management guidelines;
- c) Local governments should primarily be responsible for managing events in their local government area; and
- d) District groups and the state disaster management group should provide local governments with appropriate resources and support to help the local governments carry out disaster operations.⁴

3.4 Approach to disaster management

Consistent with *the Act*, disaster management is planned across the four phases of disaster management.

Prevention

- Investigate and coordinate strategies to reduce the impact of disaster events on the community

Preparedness

- Increase community resilience by increasing knowledge and education
- Encourage shared responsibility and an all-hazards approach to disaster management – including for the resources and arrangements used to support response and recovery
- Enhance local capability by encouraging participation in training and exercises, contributing to equipment acquisition programs, and building relationships

Response

- Provide effective and efficient coordination of disaster response and relief/short-term recovery in order to safeguard people, property and the environment
- Provide support to communities outside of the city who may be affected by a disaster

Recovery

- Ensure that the recovery priorities of the City of Ipswich community are identified and met across the functional areas⁵
- Ensure that recovery operations help to build whole of community resilience.

³ The Queensland Disaster Management 2016 Strategic Policy Statement

⁴ Section 4A, *Disaster Management Act 2003*, Guiding principles

⁵ More information on functional areas can be found in 14.1.2 Functions of recovery section of this plan.

