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As one of Australia's fastest growing local government areas, with a population set to double to 1 million people in the next 30 years, City of Moreton Bay matters.

It matters to those lucky enough to live here and for our 31,803 businesses based here, so it should matter to politicians too. One in ten Queensland voters live in City of Moreton Bay.

For too long, City of Moreton Bay has been underfunded by successive state and federal governments.

In late 2023, we commissioned an independent report to examine state government funding of the largest South East Queensland councils. A range of data published by the Queensland Government was used and considered in the context of population size, workforce and geographic area to evaluate the equity of expenditure between councils.

The report reveals that on the surface, Moreton Bay appears to receive a reasonable share, but when examined on a per capita basis, our residents consistently receive one of the lowest levels of funding across key portfolios.

In the lead up to the state election on 26 October, we have 5 main priorities with 15 election asks and are calling on the next Queensland Government to address these.

City of Moreton Bay needs its fair share of funding so we can future-proof our city and ensure it's a place where our community, economy and environment grow and prosper together.



Our top 5 election priorities

1. More homes and services for people doing it tough in Moreton Bay
2. More connections and better roads in Moreton Bay
3. More community infrastructure for the growing City of Moreton Bay
4. More safety in Moreton Bay
5. More care for our wildlife in Moreton Bay

More homes and services for people doing it tough in Moreton Bay

People are doing it tough in our city and for many that means they cannot find a safe place to call home. There's been a 90% increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness in our city in the last decade.¹ Over the last two years, referrals to council of people sleeping rough have increased a staggering 250%.

As the level of government closest to the community, we see first-hand the impact homelessness is having in our city.

Although housing and homelessness services are the responsibility of other levels of government, Council has stepped in to waive development fees and infrastructure charges for affordable and social housing, offered council land under a peppercorn lease to community and homelessness service providers, and started building the new Peninsula Community Support Hub in Redcliffe.

Our research shows that Moreton Bay has fewer social dwellings per 10,000 people than Ipswich, Logan and Redcliffe and ranks 4th for communities and housing funding per capita.²

Here's what City of Moreton Bay needs from the next Queensland Government to address this;

Homeless Outreach Services

Although Moreton Bay is the third largest local government area in the country and has experienced significant increases in homelessness and the number of people sleeping rough, it still lacks a dedicated local Homeless Health Outreach Team and Critical Response Team.

Homeless Health Outreach Teams (HHOT) provide comprehensive assessments, care coordination and clinical interventions for people experiencing homelessness and mental illness. These multi-disciplinary teams of professionals include health professionals, social service workers, local laws and public liaison officers. They address a range of health conditions including drug, substance and alcohol abuse, mental health, and other long-term health conditions.

Critical Response Teams provide rapid housing support services to members of the community sleeping rough to access accommodation. Such a team would actively engage with Council and other key stakeholders, including the Homeless Health Outreach Team, police, and community organisations.

A co-response to homelessness through the combined efforts of local housing and health-focused outreach teams remains an urgent need.

 City of Moreton Bay is calling for Homeless Outreach Services in our city.

Expanding the crisis and transitional housing options

The current cost of living crisis and generational underinvestment in social and affordable housing is driving an increasing number of people into homelessness and housing insecurity. The next Queensland Government needs to expand the crisis and transitional housing options in our city to people at greater risk of homelessness, including people experiencing domestic and family violence, single men and women, and families.



City of Moreton Bay is calling for the expansion of crisis and transitional housing options.

Allocating state-owned land to make way for social and affordable housing

We know we need more social and affordable housing across our city and that's why we completed an audit of our own land and identified suitable sites for social and affordable housing development.

To date, two sites, one in Caboolture and another in Morayfield, have been offered to the market. Council has sought expressions of interest under a peppercorn lease to develop, maintain and manage these sites for crisis, social and affordable housing.

We call on the next Queensland Government to allocate state-owned land to make way for social and affordable housing.



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¹Census data 2021

²SEQ average and funding per capita calculated including the following LGAs: Moreton Bay, Gold Coast, Ipswich, Logan, Redland, and Sunshine Coast. Brisbane was excluded due to the area's high population and funding, resulting in strong outliers amongst the data

More connections and better roads in Moreton Bay



There's more to Moreton Bay than the Bruce Highway and we need solutions to deal with the already crippling congestion across our city.

Moreton Bay is the lowest funded council in South East Queensland in terms of investment in local road networks, which have regional and state-wide benefits. Investments in the Bruce Highway are not for the exclusive benefit of Moreton Bay residents. This national highway also poses a challenge for east-west mobility within our city.

Moreton Bay's planned major public sector investment from 2021 to 2033 is \$2.7 billion. This lags behind comparable regions, despite a larger and faster growing population. By comparison, similar regions like Ipswich and Logan-Beaudesert are projected to receive investment of \$6 billion. Gold Coast is set to benefit from a staggering \$8.3 billion in investment.³

We need a firm commitment to not only construct a Bruce Highway Western Alternative, known as the Moreton Motorway, but to also deliver critical east-west connections to accommodate the future growth of our city.

Bruce Highway Western Alternative: Moreton Motorway

The Moreton Motorway will be a 60-kilometre Queensland Government transport corridor extending from Steve Irwin Way at Beerburum to the north Brisbane area. The route aims to remove traffic from the Bruce Highway, enabling it to more suitably service long-distance travel and freight movements. The route has been designed in four stages - Moodlu to Moorina, Moorina to Narangba, Narangba to Bald Hills, and Beerburru to Moodlu.

Critically, Waraba (formerly Caboolture West) forms part of stage 1 and will be home to more than 27,000 dwellings and 70,000 people over the next 40 years. At present, Caboolture River Road is the only entry and exit point to Waraba.

Commitment to the delivery of this important project is critical to Council's ability to plan for the integration into our local road network and the emerging connections for communities such as Waraba on the western side of the Bruce Highway.



City of Moreton Bay is calling for funding and a 2032 delivery timeframe for the Moreton Motorway.

Buchanan Road Overpass and Corridor Investment

The Buchanan Road Overpass and Corridor Upgrade provides critical infrastructure for connecting Moreton Bay's transport networks to major state roads. It is essential for accommodating the future growth of Waraba (a Priority Development Area), and its suburbs of Lilywood, Wagtail Grove, Greenstone and Corymbia.

The upgrade to a four-lane arterial road, connecting the Bruce Highway to Morayfield Road (both state roads), will provide a critical citywide east-west connection.

The current route is comparatively narrow and creates significant congestion. It is also bisected by rail crossings at its western (Morayfield Road) end, which includes a rail underpass that is exposed to flooding events approximately 5 times a year.

The delivery of this much needed infrastructure is a key requirement that will determine the success of the Waraba Priority Development Area.

We need \$600,000 to develop the Buchanan Road business case, which will complement the Queensland Government's \$7 million co-contribution towards the detailed design phase.

Upon completion of the business case and detailed design, City of Moreton Bay calls for the continuation of a state and local government partnership through a joint submission to Infrastructure Australia for construction funding.



City of Moreton Bay calls for funding of the Buchanan Road business case and a partnership approach for a joint submission to Infrastructure Australia for construction funding.





Prioritisation of open level crossing treatments

City of Moreton Bay is bisected by not only the Bruce Highway but also the North Coast rail line, both of which sever the city's east-west communities and constrain movement across our city.

As a polycentric city, east-west movements between our centres are vital to encourage residents to consider local employment and support our economy, while spending less time in traffic congestion.

Open level crossings already cause traffic congestion and significant delays for commuters. This is only set to worsen with increased train frequencies. When Cross River Rail is operational, which is expected in 2026, services will depart Caboolture station for Brisbane every five minutes during peak periods.

By 2036, based on current projections, the city will experience a 42% increase in morning train activity and 55% increased activity in the afternoons. For open level crossings south of Petrie, boom gates will be down for an entire hour at certain crossings during peak periods.

We're calling for the removal or treatment of our open level rail crossings which sever the city's east-west communities and cause significant delays for commuters.

Our top priorities are crossings at Pumicestone Road, Mackie Road, and Rowley Road. Including these crossings in the South East Queensland Level Crossing Program is critical to enable growth, reduce congestion and improve safety across our city.



City of Moreton Bay is calling for the inclusion of priority crossings in the South East Queensland Level Crossing Program and delivery of them.

Moreton Bay Ferry Service

The significant growth in Moreton Bay and surrounding areas has created a range of issues for commuters in the region, as well as creating demand for tourism experiences that include access to the Bay.

Ferries have proven popular as transport options for cities worldwide, becoming valuable fixtures within public transport systems and providing drawcard tourist opportunities.

A ferry network connecting Moreton Bay's coastal towns will assist with providing access to productive, sustainable and attractive places to work, live and visit. A ferry service, as an alternative to land-based transport, would also have the potential to reduce the load on existing infrastructure, improve travel time, and reduce road congestion while offering opportunities for sustainable tourism.

With a dearth of public transport options in City of Moreton Bay, we're calling on the next Queensland Government to invest in a ferry network connecting Moreton Bay's coastal towns with Brisbane.



City of Moreton Bay is calling for funding for the next phase of the Moreton Bay Ferry Service demand analysis study.



More community infrastructure for the growing City of Moreton Bay

With a population of 500,000 people and with significant growth to occur, to ensure liveability and prosperity, our city requires increased services and amenities.

Deception Bay SES Depot and Emergency Operations Centre

Despite being declared SES Depot of the Year in 2023, the ageing facility, which opened in 1985, no longer meets operational or training demands for our city.

The current community-built facility, located on Old Bay Road, faces barriers to its daily operations, including storage issues, recruitment constraints and outdated facilities.

Deception Bay is in the top 2% of busiest SES groups in Queensland. Since the 2022 floods, the Moreton Bay SES Unit has experienced a 187% increase in requests for assistance.

The transformation of the depot into a nation-leading and one-of-a-kind facility includes

- creation of a modern, purpose-built training academy, enabling training in high-risk activities
- 9-bay vehicle garage including three double depth drive through bays
- new shared expanded carpark with the Dragons Football Club
- accommodation and support services
- regeneration of koala habitat
- Centralised Emergency Operations Centre that can be activated in the event of a major emergency or disaster.

We're calling on the next Queensland Government to invest and improve the facilities for one of the state's busiest SES groups.

 City of Moreton Bay is calling for a 50% co-contribution to fund the Deception Bay SES Depot and Emergency Operations Centre.

TAFE and Advanced Manufacturing Hub

A SkillsTech TAFE and integrated Advanced Manufacturing Hub at The Mill near UniSC's Moreton Bay campus would offer a comprehensive range of trade-related courses, including a focus on building and construction, electrical training, electrotechnology, engineering, manufacturing and design, transport, utilities, and the green economy.

These programs would complement the existing offerings of UniSC and be delivered in state-of-the-art student facilities designed to train and upskill our workforce, enabling them to embrace automation and Industry 4.0 - the fourth industrial revolution.

The Mill near UniSC's Moreton Bay campus is the ideal location for this combined facility due to its proximity to industry, excellent public transport connectivity, and opportunities for collaboration between vocational and higher education. Situated between three of South East Queensland's largest industrial estates, The Mill serves an area with a workforce of more than 23,000 people across 3,500 companies in approximately 25 industries.

Data indicates a predicted growth in TAFE attendance of around 12-13% from 2021 to 2031. Currently, only 10.4% of our workforce has vocational education, a figure that needs to rise for Moreton Bay businesses to stay competitive and embrace Industry 4.0. As the population of Moreton Bay is projected to grow from 500,000 to 800,000 residents by 2046 and reach one million by around mid-2050, a dedicated TAFE at The Mill precinct becomes even more critical.

Key industries like manufacturing, construction, and technology are major employers in City of Moreton Bay. We're calling on the next Queensland Government to commit to a combined TAFE and Advanced Manufacturing Hub near the UniSC in Petrie. This facility would train and upskill our workforce, support local businesses, attract investment, and secure future jobs.

 City of Moreton Bay is calling for commitment to a combined TAFE and Advanced Manufacturing Hub in Petrie, with an initial focus on the concept and detailed design components.





Air Conditioning for 2032 Moreton Bay Indoor Sports Centre

The Moreton Bay Indoor Sports Centre, located at The Mill in Petrie, will host competitions for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

It will have 12 multi-use courts that can be used for a range of sports including basketball, netball, volleyball, futsal, handball, wheelchair rugby, sitting volleyball, wheelchair basketball, badminton, fencing, table tennis, taekwondo and gymnastics.

Construction is expected to begin in early 2026 and be completed in 2028. Currently, plans do not include permanent air conditioning.

We're calling for permanent air conditioning for the new Moreton Bay Indoor Sports Centre. As the centre will cater to a range of indoor sports and community uses and has capacity for 10,000 spectators, air conditioning is a critical requirement for its ongoing success, before and after the Games.



City of Moreton Bay is calling for air conditioning for the new Moreton Bay Indoor Sports Centre.

Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Education

We have heard from our communities that they place significant value on our parks, natural spaces and recreational facilities. With the growth of our city, it is becoming increasingly important to maximise the use of all community facilities. We're seeking to maximise the use of state land and facilities for community-based groups and sporting clubs.

In a cost of living crisis, governments must consider innovative ways to maximise return on public investment. For almost one-third of the year, many school halls, classrooms, and ovals remain empty and underutilised. We're calling for an agreement between Council and the Department of Education, to have city-wide arrangements for the use of school facilities. Council may be able to contribute to maintenance expenses, leading to shared financial responsibility.

The shared use of school facilities could benefit school-aged children who attend community or sporting events at the same school. Community activities before and after school would encourage family participation due to their convenient proximity to school. Additionally, this agreement could help reduce out-of-hours crime. During school holidays, empty schools often become targets for unlawful entry, arson, theft, graffiti, and property damage, which comes at a cost to the community.



City of Moreton Bay is calling for a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Education to provide access to much needed recreational facilities.

10 new Changing Places facilities

Changing Places facilities are accessible bathrooms that provide safe, equitable and dignified access to public amenities for people with severe and profound disabilities (high support needs).

There are currently three (3) Council-owned Changing Places facilities in City of Moreton Bay - South Pine Sports Complex Indoor Sports Centre, Albany Creek Aquatic and Leisure Centre and Redcliffe Library.

The next State Government has an opportunity to significantly boost access to Changing Places facilities throughout Queensland, thereby promoting the inclusion of people with high-support needs in the social, economic and cultural life of their local communities.

As disability services are a state government responsibility, we are calling on the next Queensland Government to provide 10 new Changing Places facilities, resulting in dignified, hygienic and safe access to public amenities for people with high support needs. Each facility costs approximately \$250,000.



City of Moreton Bay is calling for 10 new Changing Places facilities.



More safety in Moreton Bay

Everyone deserves to feel safe in their own home and our public spaces. City of Moreton Bay is focused on ensuring community wellbeing. Much needed investment in technologies such as Licence Plate Recognition (LPR) and CCTV can help reduce crime and improve confidence across the community.

License Plate Recognition technology and CCTV network

City of Moreton Bay operates an extensive network of CCTV cameras in a range of public places and buildings throughout the city, supporting public safety and asset protection. It is one of the largest local government CCTV networks in Queensland with 1,850 cameras.

With 7% of the cameras in the fleet attached to portable assets, we can deploy them throughout the city to deter and detect offenders. We work with the Queensland Police Service and the community to identify areas of priority, such as where there has been an increase in burglaries, theft, hooning, or vandalism, to deploy the portable CCTV assets.

They are also used in disaster operations and flood monitoring to monitor river or creek flooding, storm surges and high tide events.

City of Moreton Bay was the first council to provide Vehicle of Interest alerts to the Queensland Police Service through our LPR units. With more than 9,400 automated real-time alerts sent to police in 2023, this initiative has played a pivotal role in solving unlawful activities and contributed to a remarkable 3.9% decrease in stolen vehicles.

To continue this success, we're calling on the next Queensland Government to commit to the continued funding and expansion of City of Moreton Bay's key crime prevention initiatives, our LPR technology and CCTV network.



City of Moreton Bay is calling for further investment in LPR technology and CCTV network.

Prevent copper theft at community facilities

Copper theft at community facilities is increasing at an alarming rate and the repair costs place an enormous strain on our local sporting clubs and organisations.

In 2023, Queensland energy providers reported that thefts and attempted thefts from the state-wide energy infrastructure network had nearly tripled between 2020 and 2022, and Queensland Police Service data also shows a sharp rise in thefts over the past two years.

City of Moreton Bay has been a leading advocate on this issue, and we're calling on the next Queensland Government to take decisive action to stop copper theft across the state by introducing a 'no cash for scrap' law.



City of Moreton Bay is calling for the introduction of a 'no cash for scrap' law.





More care for our wildlife in Moreton Bay

City of Moreton Bay covers more than 2,045 square kilometres and includes our highly valued beaches, wetlands, waterways, rainforests, coastal and marine environments, that contribute to the outstanding natural beauty of our region. These areas are home to an abundance of wildlife, much of which is of national and international significance, including 805 animal species.

Our flora and fauna are a unique part of our city's identity, and our community wants us to prioritise support for our wildlife.

Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital

Currently, there is no dedicated wildlife hospital in City of Moreton Bay. This means sick and injured wildlife must be driven up to two hours away to seek veterinary support from either RSPCA in Wacol or Australia Zoo in Beerwah.

The need for wildlife care will only increase as our population grows and there is increased traffic movements, ongoing residential development and frequent natural disasters.

True to City of Moreton Bay's mantra of 'Going Green as we Grow', we have allocated a \$3 million parcel of land in Dakabin for the construction of a wildlife hospital in Moreton Bay to provide critical care for native animals. Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital Foundation has raised more than \$1.5 million for the facility's construction.

Consistent with underinvestment in other areas, City of Moreton Bay receives less than average funding per capita from the Queensland Government's Department of Environment and Science.⁴

We're calling on the next Queensland Government to add the Moreton Bay Wildlife Hospital to the SEQ wildlife hospital network and increase the overall state funding allocation by at least \$1 million per annum.



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- Expanding the crisis and transitional housing options
- Allocating state-owned land to make way for social and affordable housing

2. More connections and better roads in Moreton Bay

- Bruce Highway Western Alternative: Moreton Motorway
- Buchanan Road Overpass and Corridor Investment
- Prioritisation of open level crossing treatments
- Moreton Bay Ferry Service

3. More community infrastructure for the growing City of Moreton Bay

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- TAFE and Advanced Manufacturing Hub
- Air Conditioning for 2032 Moreton Bay Indoor Sports Centre
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