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Introduction to the Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan





Ipswich currently operates two resource recovery centres at Riverview and Rosewood.

Both are over 30 years old

The average **travel time** for Ipswich residents to the current centres is **25 minutes**. When surveyed, residents advised they would like the travel time to be **10 minutes**



70% of waste dropped off at Resource Recovery Centres in 2021–2022 was taken to landfill



Council's currently exploring operating a **'Tip Shop'** at the new southern Resource Recovery Centre



Ipswich's Resource Recovery Centres received almost **46,000 tonnes** of waste material in **2021-2022**. This is projected to increase to **80,000 tonnes by 2030**



Wait times at the centres can be up to **60 minutes** per visit



Ipswich's Resource Recovery Centres are **operating at 135% of capacity** and if no action is taken it will be approaching **200% by 2030**



New resource recovery infrastructure will relieve over capacity issues and allow council to explore resident subsidy schemes such as tip vouchers



WHAT IS PLANNED

We urgently require new facilities to meet the growing needs of our community. Council is planning fit-for-purpose infrastructure and delivery of improvements to current centres.

The upgrades to the current Resource Recovery Centres at Riverview and Rosewood will include:

- At Riverview an extension and surface improvement of the green waste area will provide an easier user experience
- Internal traffic at Riverview is currently being assessed to increase efficiency and ease of use
- Minor projects at Rosewood will see improvement to facilities to ensure service until a new modern replacement
- Through innovative planning and design council is dedicated to incorporating better environmental outcomes for our Resource Recovery Centres
- Planned projects will provide a better user experience with greater opportunities for resource recovery
- Remain operational during the construction phase to continue servicing the community's resource recovery needs.

Key benefits of new resource recovery infrastructure will include:

- Reduced wait time, resulting in enhanced convenience and access
- Council will explore opportunities to provide a dedicated Recycle Mart (Tip Shop)
- Increasing the range of items that the community can recover and recycle across the centres
- Improved recovery and recycling user experience
- Relieve over capacity issues and allow council to explore resident subsidy schemes, such as tip vouchers.



WHY IS THIS REQUIRED

DID YOU KNOW?

Introduced in 2019, QLD state waste levy is added to every tonne of waste taken to landfill. If we don't act to divert waste this will end up costing the Ipswich community \$60 million over the next decade!

QUICK FACT 1

Ipswich is a fast growing city, with the population projected to reach 533,802 by 2046.

QUICK FACT 2

Providing fitfor-purpose
resource
recovery
infrastructure
enables council
to deliver the
vital waste
services to meet
the community
needs.

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FACT 3

Resource
Recovery is a
vital part of the
services made
available to the
residents
of Ipswich.

QUICK FACT 4

We are taking the opportunity to reduce travel and wait times by bringing convenience and accessibility to resource recovery.

PILLAR 1

Expand the core collections service to include a food organics garden organics bin for all eligible Ipswich residents

PILLAR 2

Optimise the city's co-mingled service including re-introduction of glass to the yellow-lid recycling bin

PILLAR 3

Provide a flexible on-demand large item kerbside collection service where valuable resources are recovered

PILLAR 4

Have a fit-for-purpose waste and resource recovery infrastructure that meets the needs of a growing city

WHEN IT WILL HAPPEN

Ipswich City Council will be investing in new and improved waste infrastructure in the coming years. Our goal is to build fit-for-purpose facilities that meet the needs of our growing community, while also promoting sustainability and reducing waste to landfill. In 2021, the Resource Recovery Strategy paved the way by highlighting new infrastructure as a key pillar of action. We believe that community consultation is a vital and valued part of the process, and we want to hear your ideas and feedback to ensure that our new infrastructure meets the needs of our diverse and growing community.

Ipswich City Council aims to complete:



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

This plan outlines a high-level vision of how we will build and upgrade our resource recovery infrastructure now and into the future. Council will be conducting engagement to understand community priorities and preferences for the functional aspects of these centres. This way the services and facilities will best suit the needs of the community when dropping off resources and materials for recovery.

Resource Recovery Infrastructure Engagement

STEP 1 - Begin your journey at the Resource Recovery Shape Your Ipswich page

Find out more at: Shapeyouripswich.com.au/resourcerecovery

STEP 2 – Have your say on our Resource Recovery Centre's services and facilities via the Infrastructure Shape Your Ipswich page

Find out more at: Shapeyouripswich.com.au

STEP 3 - Opportunities for community feedback online via the Southern Resource Recovery Centre Shape Your Ipswich Page

STEP 4 – Opportunities for community feedback begin online and in person for the Western Resource Recovery Centre

WHERE IT WILL OCCUR

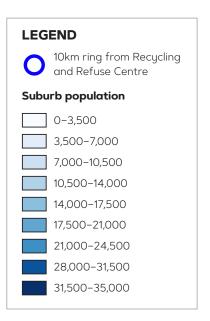
FACT 1

Current Resource
Recovery Centres at
Riverview and Rosewood
have already commenced
upgrades which will be
completed by 2027.

FACT 2

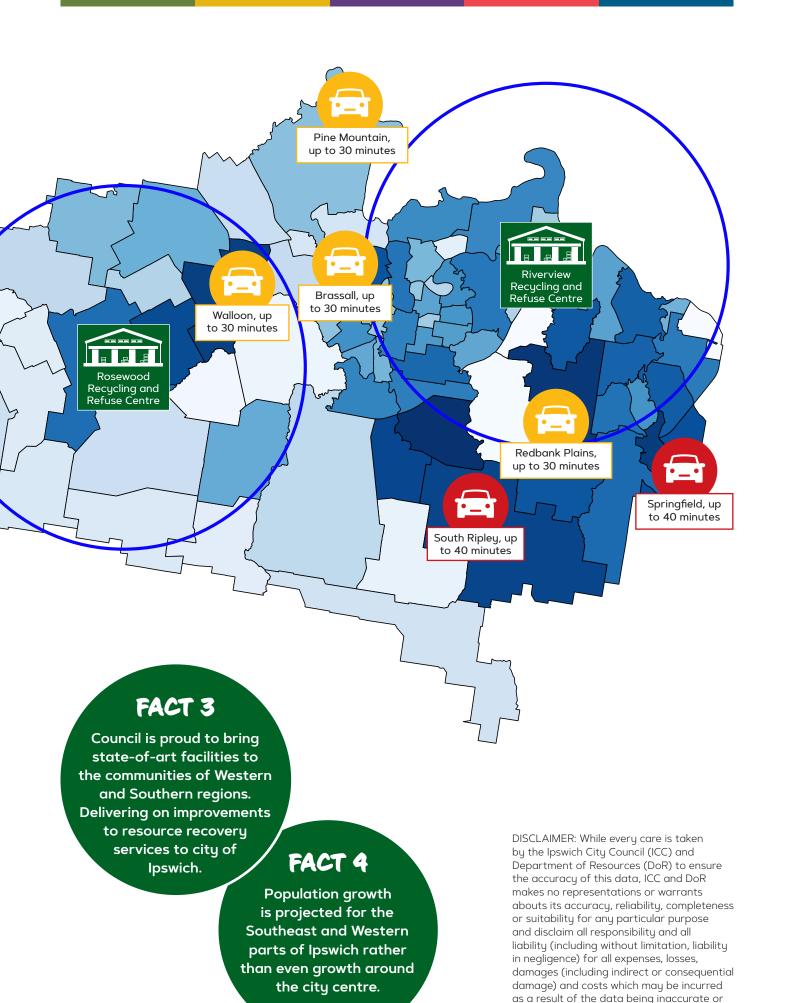
Community consultation that informed the Resource Recovery Strategy, highlighted the community desire for reduced travel time.







Source: Local Government Infrastructure Plan population by suburbs



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