

The Ipswich River Improvement Trust Strategic Plan 2024 -2028

Vision – To be an active partner in waterway management, improving waterway resilience and protection.

Mission – To restore natural flooding resilience to rivers, waterways, and their catchments in the Ipswich Local Government Area.

Government’s objectives for the community: Protecting the environment: Protect and enhance our natural environment and heritage for future generations and achieve a 70% renewable energy target by 2032 and net zero emissions by 2050.

Goals (Objects - River Improvement Trust Act)	Objectives	Outcomes	Performance Indicators
Planning for and implementing measures that improve the protection, health and resilience of rivers and their catchments	Improve partnerships with government, community and non-profit organisations with shared goals	Coordinated catchment plans, supported community partners, promoted research and collaborative projects	Implementation of Community Engagement Strategy Trust is an active part of planning and research activities in the LGA Trust is an active member of coordinating groups such as the Bremer River Network
Repairing, and preventing damage to, rivers and their catchments	Actively work with waterway partners to identify erosion and flood damage to waterways and contribute to repair and prevention	Collaborative assessment and prioritisation of erosion and damage. Repair using best practice management tools that include both geomorphic and ecological rehabilitation principles	Actively contributing to river recovery in flood-affected areas through annual works program
Restoring natural resilience to flooding and cyclones in rivers and their catchments	Improving riparian health and floodplain management	Improved weed management in LGA. Promote the use of Water Sensitive Urban (WSU) design principles and river restoration guidelines.	Actively contributing to improved riparian health and floodplain management through annual works program using nature-based solutions to flood resilience
Protection of water security	Support research and policy that promotes water security	Understand challenges and threats to water security.	No decline in water security
Improving water quality and river system function in rivers and their catchments	Improved ecological function through improved water quality and ecosystem function.	Understand water quality ecosystem function threats and challenges to prioritise improvement actions	Long term water quality improvements through sediment reduction Improved geomorphic condition in repaired reaches
Stakeholders - Ipswich City Council, Council Mayors – Resilient Rivers Initiative - Catchment Officers, Bremer River Network, Catchment Groups – West Moreton Landcare, Bremer Catchment Association, Community Bush Care groups; Education – Schools and catchment groups; Research – Griffith University, Australian Rivers Institute, University of Queensland			