

Livingstone SHIRE COUNCIL

**Planning scheme**
Information sheet #2

# 10 Year Planning Scheme Review

**The Planning Act 2016 requires Queensland local governments to review their planning schemes every ten years in consultation with the state government and their community.**

After this review, the council must either amend, replace, or provide written reasons as to why the scheme does not need changing.

Livingstone Shire Council adopted its current planning scheme in 2018. It's time to review it and ensure it supports our future needs.

# Why do Council's review their planning schemes?

## Planning schemes must align with Queensland Government planning policies

Planning schemes must align with broader state and regional instruments, such as the State Planning Policy and the Central Queensland Regional Plan. These guide councils to address local needs such as housing supply, industrial land, environmental matters and hazard mitigation.

## Local areas change over time

Livingstone is growing quickly. Our planning scheme helps us manage that growth. We need places to live, places to work and we need to protect what makes our place special. Good planning ensures a strong future.






***Between 2011 and 2024, Livingstone's population grew by an average of 1.9% each year. Since 2021, growth has accelerated to around 2.1% per year, making Livingstone one of the fastest-growing regional areas in Queensland.***

## Good planning needs up-to-date information

To prepare for the future, Council has undertaken a range of studies to better understand how Livingstone is changing and where growth should occur. This includes looking at:

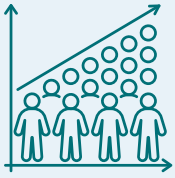
- Population growth and demographic trends
- Housing demand and future land supply
- Commercial centres and business activity
- Industry and employment opportunities
- Northern growth corridor opportunities
- Environmental values and constraints
- Rural land fragmentation

These studies underpin our review and ensure development decisions are based on the best data.



## People are attracted by the Capricorn Coast lifestyle.

Our population is expected to grow from around 40,000 people in 2021 to almost 68,000 people by 2046. That's approximately 11,600 new homes, along with the services, jobs and supporting infrastructure.



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## What will this review include?

Council is not creating a new Planning Scheme. It will review the existing planning scheme and propose amendments such as:

- Updating the Strategic Framework
- Reviewing zones and development codes
- Identifying areas suitable for future growth
- Planning for centres, industry and employment opportunities

The findings of the review will be published in a Review Report, providing the foundation for future Planning Scheme amendments and helping shape the next chapter of Livingstone's growth.

Targeted amendments will support sustainable growth while protecting the lifestyle and character our communities value.



## What to expect from Council over the coming months

Formal consultation is legislatively required during this period, giving communities an opportunity to review proposed amendments and have their say before decisions are made.

Reviews provide a structured opportunity for public consultation, allowing residents and businesses to give feedback on whether the scheme still captures the desired local character, heritage protection, and environmental values of the community

Formal consultation on the draft amendments will be held in mid-2027.

| Milestone | Indicative Timing |
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| Technical planning studies | Mid to late 2026 |
| Review of findings and options | Late 2026 |
| Drafting of planning scheme amendments | Late 2026 to early 2027 |
| Public consultation on draft amendments | Mid to late 2027 |
| Council consideration of amendments | 2027 |
| 10-year review completion | 2027 |

Your input helps make sure our planning scheme reflects what matters most to our community. Keep an eye out for upcoming consultation, and have your say on our shire's future.

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