



# A NEW STATE SCHOOL FOR THE INNER WEST MASTER PLAN CONSULTATION A REPORT ON WHAT WE HEARD

## A NEW STATE SCHOOL FOR BRISBANE'S INNER WEST

**A new state school for the growing suburbs of Brisbane's inner west for Prep to Year 6 students.**

A new inner west state school would increase capacity in the local school network and provide enrolment relief to Indooroopilly State School, Ironside State School and Toowong State School.

The preferred location for the new school was on the site of the former Toowong Bowls Club. This site was announced in December 2021 following detailed site investigations and two earlier rounds of community consultation.

## THE CONVERSATION

**A concept master plan for the new inner west state school was shared with the community and feedback received between 18 April and 8 May 2022.**

Over the three-week consultation period, the project team met with the community to present the overall design intent for the school, including its size, visual impact and location on the site. Early investigations into site impacts and proposed mitigations were also shared.

The community was invited to provide feedback via a number of engagement channels. Feedback gathered has been considered in the planning of the school.

## WHO ENGAGED

**Approximately 116 pieces of feedback were received throughout the consultation.**



**27**

recorded  
conversations at  
face-to-face sessions



**76**

online  
surveys  
completed



**10**

email/written  
submissions



**3**

meetings  
with key  
stakeholders

## KEY INSIGHTS

### Traffic

- We understood the community was concerned about increased traffic congestion on already busy roads in the area, especially around pick-up/drop-off times.
- We heard concerns regarding the safety of school children crossing Gailey Road.
- We heard feedback regarding the lack of parking on Gailey Road, which is already amplified by the operation of local cafes and businesses in the area.

### Flooding

- We heard widespread concern regarding the construction of a school in an area prone to flooding, despite proposed mitigations.
- We heard strong concern regarding the potential impact of floods, including access to the school after a flood event.
- We heard extensive feedback regarding the nearby sewage plant, and community concern that it can overflow in a flood event.

### Green space

- We understood that many residents were concerned the school would use Perrin Park and Jack Cook Park on a regular basis.
- We heard that some residents believed the school's proposed green space was inadequate.
- We heard that some residents were concerned that the school would eventually expand and encroach on green space in Perrin Park.

### Flying fox colony

- We understood the community was concerned about the health of the flying fox colony, and worried the animals would be injured as a result of their proximity to the school.
- We heard that there was concern for the health and wellbeing of school students as a result of the school's proximity to the flying fox colony.

### Accessibility

- We heard that residents held concerns regarding the adequacy of existing footpaths around the school

### Active transport

- We understood that local residents wanted adequate bike paths to help facilitate active transport to and from the school.

### Noise

- We understood that residents were concerned about noise generated from the school.
- We heard thoughts that traffic noise would be a distraction for the children within the school.

All feedback received throughout the consultation process was passed onto the project team for its consideration in the overall planning of the school.

As part of the planning and approval process the project team considered all impacts and mitigations, including traffic, flooding, storm water, vegetation and acoustic.