

Community Perceptions

The Council of Mayors (SEQ) has undertaken an extensive community perceptions study with a purpose to better appreciate the community's feelings and attitudes towards infill development, particularly medium-density developments, in South-East Queensland (SEQ).

This study demonstrated a growing need for housing diversity in SEQ, with the following themes common across all streams of research.

- The community is open to various medium density options and are more willing to [consider other dwelling types](#) if it means they can continue to live in their local neighbourhood
- Residents want to see diversity in the housing options provided in their local community to enable them to 'age in place'
- Proximity to public transport and facilities, such as shops and recreational open spaces, were key drivers in the selection of a home. Therefore, many respondents supported more mixed use developments where retail and commercial aspects are incorporated
- The research indicated the community is open to new approaches to housing including 'modular' or 'flat pack' housing, but further work is needed to change the community's mindset towards housing,
- A number of obstacles to medium density housing still exist, primarily being too close to neighbours and body corporate costs
- Finally, most respondents were prepared to pay an up-front premium for sustainable features as they believed this would provide them with long-term associated energy cost savings.

The complete Community Perceptions Report is now available from the Council of Mayors (SEQ).

Where is located?

The complete Community Perceptions Report is available on the Council of Mayors (SEQ) website – www.seqmayors.qld.gov.au.