

Project Overview

Under the South East Queensland (SEQ) Regional Plan, Local Governments have been set challenging targets to meet approximately 50% of housing demand over the next 20 years through infill development within their existing urban areas.

However, research shows that:

- Housing is becoming less affordable, and fewer households are able to purchase their own home
- Infill targets are generally being met, but at lower densities than anticipated
- Detached homes are still the predominant housing type being constructed in all local government areas in Queensland, despite changing household structure and evidence of changing demand

The Liveable Compact Cities Project explores how medium density development may create greater housing choice in SEQ, promote housing affordability in the region and contribute towards the more compact and sustainable urban living being promoted through the SEQ Regional Plan.

The Project addresses three key challenges:

Policy – Are there policy settings that governments can drive that will reduce the cost and increase supply of medium density housing?

Practice – Are there ways to rationalise or reform processes and provide for improved urban outcomes, as well as cost savings?

Market – How can the market be influenced to act as a catalyst for policy and practice reform?

The Project delivers a series of resources and tools to address these challenges and support SEQ Councils in planning for, and managing, unprecedented population growth while maintaining the region's liveability, productivity, and overall sustainability.

Further details about the Liveable Compact Cities Project are available on the Council of Mayors (SEQ) website – www.seqmayors.qld.gov.au.