



sustainability

innovation

community dividend

design excellence

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Draft Master Plan Submission  
The University of Queensland

Via email: [masterplan@pf.uq.edu.au](mailto:masterplan@pf.uq.edu.au)

Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: Submission on Draft Master Plan

## Introduction

Congratulations on releasing the Master Plan Strategy for the University of Queensland (UQ) and thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Master Plan.

We support your efforts to engage with the community in this vital discussion about the St Lucia campus and nearby precincts, to together create a vision for this important part of our city to grow and prosper in a thoughtful, reasoned, measured and sustainable way.

## YIMBY Qld

YIMBY Qld, or Yes In My Backyard Queensland, is all about encouraging good development outcomes that enhance everyday life. We believe good development outcomes feature at least one of these four YIMBY Qld qualities being: Design Excellence, Sustainability, Innovation and Community Dividend.

## General Comments on Draft Master Plan

We support the vision and guiding frameworks proposed in the plan, in particular to:

- Preserve heritage and built form legacy while creating new landmark buildings and reducing barriers around the campus edges;

- Provide a flexible framework that reduces reliance on private vehicle transport and accommodates a range of possible local and state government strategic transport projects;
- Showcase world-leading architecture;
- Investigate viability of new active and public transport only bridges to West End and to Yeronga;
- Ensure effective connectivity and access to the existing transport network;
- Introduce an electric shuttle bus service to nearby UQ Precincts including Long Pocket;
- Continue to proactively manage and reduce demand for car parking;
- Reduce vehicles and create pedestrian/cycle priority areas with more end-of-trip facilities;
- Understand issues associated with flooding, energy use, communications, stormwater and overland flow;
- Residential development at Long Pocket at the heights proposed in the Draft Master Plan;
- Residential development in the Hawken Drive Precinct at the heights proposed in the Draft Master Plan;
- Adaptive re-use and protection of the Avalon Theatre in combination with adjoining residential uses at the heights proposed in the Draft Master Plan;
- Transform on-campus streets into shared zones that perform primarily as pedestrian and cycle spaces and
- Unlock the river's edge to create a compelling garden for learning and recreation.

We support the vision and guiding frameworks as discussed above because they align with the four YIMBY Qld qualities that indicate good development outcomes.

The Draft Master Plan supports design excellence by encouraging world-leading architecture that also respects the existing site heritage.

Sustainability is encouraged in the Draft Master Plan by focussing on public and active transport connections including potential new 'green' bridges to West End and Yeronga. The plan promotes reduced resource usage of water energy and materials.

Innovation is a key feature of the plan as evidenced by the focus on developing a 'super knowledge' precinct with strong collaboration with the PA Hospital & Ecosciences precinct, the proposal for a digitally enabled campus, the floating swimming pool and new vehicle technology solutions pilot for driverless vehicles/local transit service.

The delivery of community dividend is a strong component of the draft Master Plan including such initiatives as opening up the campus more to the wider community, the planting of 40,000 new trees by 2036, unlocking more public access to the river, a new riverside amphitheatre and creating a new performing arts and culture precinct.

The proposed new residential uses in the Long Pocket, Avalon and Hawken Drive precincts are supported because they enable students to live closer to the campus which in turn reduces traffic impacts on the surrounding environment due to reduced travel requirements. The proposed building heights in each of these precincts is supported because it helps to achieve the infill development targets of 'Shaping SEQ - The Draft South East Queensland Regional Plan'. It also will enable more dwellings to be built within an established urban area located close to amenities without creating further urban sprawl at the boundaries of our city.

Congratulations again on releasing the Draft Master Plan. We look forward to seeing some of the exciting features of the plan being brought to life and the liveability improvements that they will bring to our New World City. Thank you for your consideration of our submission. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries or wish to discuss any of these matters further.

Yours sincerely,

YIMBY Qld



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