



17 FAST-TRACKED PROJECTS AND CAMPAIGNS



The Committee for Brisbane recommends the following projects and campaigns be considered for fast-tracking assessment, noting that some projects are already live, but that their staging/phases may be able to be brought forward.

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION
Connecting Inland Rail to the Port of Brisbane	Advocate for a dedicated freight rail line to the port. The link could increase GRP in the region by around \$5.4 billion to 2045 and deliver 2.4 million less truck movements, around \$820 million in economic, social and environmental benefits each year and an average of 1,200 new jobs each year to 2045. Further, we call on the Federal and State Governments to fast-track approval processes so the detailed design and construction of the Queensland sections of the Melbourne to Brisbane project can start sooner.
Brisbane Live	Finalise the business case, market soundings and any other assessments as a matter of urgency and announce the commencement of the Brisbane Live entertainment precinct that has the potential to deliver 450 jobs per year during construction and 600 ongoing jobs once operational.
Cross River Rail Precincts Strategy	Fast-track the CRRDA precincts strategy around the high-capacity stations at Boggo Road, Woolloongabba, Albert Street, Roma Street, and Exhibition. The precincts strategy can significantly revitalise key inner-city growth areas and is expected to leverage up to \$20 billion in new city-changing investment and generate around 35,000 new jobs.
Kangaroo Point to CBD and Breakfast Creek green bridges	State Government approval processes to be fast-tracked to enable construction timelines to be brought forward. Subject to community feedback and government approvals, construction of the green bridges could commence as early as 2021, with expected completion by 2024-25.
North West Transport Network	Council is developing a business case to help reduce congestion on Brisbane’s north west transport network. The business case study is currently being finalised. CFB calls on the Federal Government to fast-track its assessment of the business case, once submitted.
Brisbane Metro	State Government and Council to resolve the redesign of the Cultural Centre Metro Station as a matter of urgency and bring forward schedules to deliver this project sooner than its planned 2023 completion.
Waterfront Brisbane	Fast-track approval of the \$2.1 billion Waterfront Brisbane project to transform Eagle Street Pier into a premium business and leisure destination. It is estimated that 1,120 construction jobs per year will be created, on average, over the next 10 years, with an additional 900 operational jobs supported once fully constructed.
SEQ City Deal	Federal, State and local governments to recommit to the SEQ City Deal which was scheduled for release (version one) by mid-2020. The SEQ City Deal should play a critical role in any economic recovery strategy. With the amount of time and energy expended to date on exploring the SEQ City Deal, it is clearly a logical place to start.
2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games	Release visions around the 2032 Olympics and Paralympics candidature and commission upgrades required for an Olympic bid (as soon as practicable). Establish a Legacy Planning Taskforce (with significant private sector participation) to guide the investigation and development of long-term, public and social infrastructure projects; and consider opportunities for inclusive tourism, leisure and event experiences for participants and spectators.



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Suburban renewal opportunities	Conduct an audit of potential suburban renewal projects, for example, undertake a cost/benefit analysis of the 2019 Suburban Alliance proposals for Chermside and Salisbury. A \$100m project can make a big difference to suburban centres and is more likely to be tendered and delivered by local businesses and professionals.
Royal Queensland Golf Club	State Government and Brisbane City Council to support the redevelopment of Royal Queensland Golf Club as an integrated tourism hub, with golf retained as the primary use supported by a golf-focussed, commercial, community precinct.
Victoria Park	Continue to develop the Vision and masterplan for Victoria Park. The future design, protection, celebration and activation of Victoria Park is critical to stitching together the city centre and one of Brisbane's greatest assets.
Marketing Brisbane's creative sector	Fund and implement an immediate, multifaceted marketing campaign that draws on the archive of Brisbane's creative sector to highlight the value of creativity, culture and lifestyle. The campaign should be devised and driven in partnership with the sector. Longer-term, fund and implement a 12-24 month recovery marketing campaign, aimed at local, intra and interstate audiences, that re-engages people with arts and culture and increases their confidence around Brisbane's recovery.
"Streets of Your Town" music history trail and placemaking	Provide financial and administrative support to undertake the "Streets of Your Town" activated cultural heritage project (that has been developed by QUT Creative Industries) to develop a new approach to creative city development by activating cultural heritage through popular music. Streets of Your Town is a placemaking and tourism concept supported in principle by the Committee for Brisbane, that may form part of its broader Creative Brisbane Vision planned for 2020.
Brisbane Charter of Digital Capability	Develop a charter of minimally acceptable internet services for Brisbane that enables businesses and their staffs to competently ask for and access suitable standards of service. Internet services are as important to the modern business for connectivity and supply chain as are roads and railways.
Internet black holes	Commission an audit and develop a program of rectification for Brisbane's internet "black holes".
Access to quality IT advice and standards	Support and fund the establishment of a Brisbane SME advisory service that allows SMEs to be briefed on available business technology services, minimum standards of service and support. The ITC industry is largely unregulated, and vendor driven, and Brisbane SME's deserve an impartial and qualified advisory service to maximise their capacity in the digital economy.