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Proposal to establish a SEQ Knowledge Council

The Committee for Brisbane proposed the establishment of a South East Queensland Knowledge Council in a presentation to the Brisbane 2032 Legacy Committee this week (*6 December*).

Committee for Brisbane CEO Barton Green told the Legacy Committee that knowledge, innovation and entrepreneurship were the foundation stones of modern economies, where creativity influenced and informed good business and decision-making.

“As a Games legacy, south east Queensland could establish Australia’s first Knowledge Council – a partnership between governments, business, industry and universities that would send a powerful, public signal and invitation to investors, innovators and entrepreneurs,” Mr Green said.

“Comprised of eminent academics and business people, and senior bureaucrats, the SEQ Knowledge Council would be charged with the responsibility to curate our knowledge economy infrastructure: connectivity - digital and hard infrastructure, facilities - for living and working, governance, resilience, and research and development.

“The SEQ Knowledge Council would bring together the respective functions and capabilities of the partners in planning and development, trade and investment, research and skills capacity and, critically, regional coordination – a shared purpose.”

Mr Green said that, operating under a Vision, purpose and governance framework, the SEQ Knowledge Council could be tasked with developing a "Knowledge Precincts" Vision for the region, linked to Queensland and federal science goals and manufacturing priorities.

“The Committee’s *Brisbane 2033 Legacy Project* suggested that Knowledge Precincts could be new enterprise, living and employment hubs that link major redevelopment precincts, transportation networks and knowledge economy engines,” he said.

“Examples of potential Knowledge Precincts might include The Mill at Moreton Bay, Caboolture West, the Gold Coast Health and Knowledge Precinct, Beerwah East, the Bromelton State Development Area and the Southern Gateway in Logan.

“The next step beyond Knowledge Precincts - to elevate coordination, cooperation and promotion - could be to develop an East-West Knowledge and Enterprise Corridor, linking Precincts across SEQ.

“Curated by the SEQ Knowledge Council, the East-West Knowledge and Enterprise Corridor could be a chain of knowledge-based employment and residential hubs that develop their own centres of gravity around areas of specialisation, be it robotics, XR and AI capabilities, logistics, advanced manufacturing, agriculture and more.

“Such opportunities must start with structured coordination and collaboration between governments, academia, business and industry – something that could be achieved through the partnership of a SEQ Knowledge Council,” Mr Green said.

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