

# Ipswich Water

## ...at a glance

Ipswich Water is a Commercial Business Unit of Ipswich City Council established in July 1998 to continue to provide a high level of water supply and sewerage services to the City of Ipswich.

Did you know that Ipswich Water:

- provides water and sewerage services to the City of Ipswich with a population of 135,000.
- delivers 70 million litres of drinking water a day to residential, commercial and industrial customers in Ipswich.
- treats a total daily volume of 29 million litres of wastewater to a standard suitable for return to the regions waterways.
- is an active member of the South East Queensland Regional Water Quality Management Strategy endeavouring to restore ecological processes in the Bremer and Brisbane River estuaries.
- recycles 40% of treated wastewater from the Rosewood Wastewater Centre for irrigation.
- maintains and operates in excess of 1080km of sewer mains and 1220 km of water mains across the City.

## For more information...

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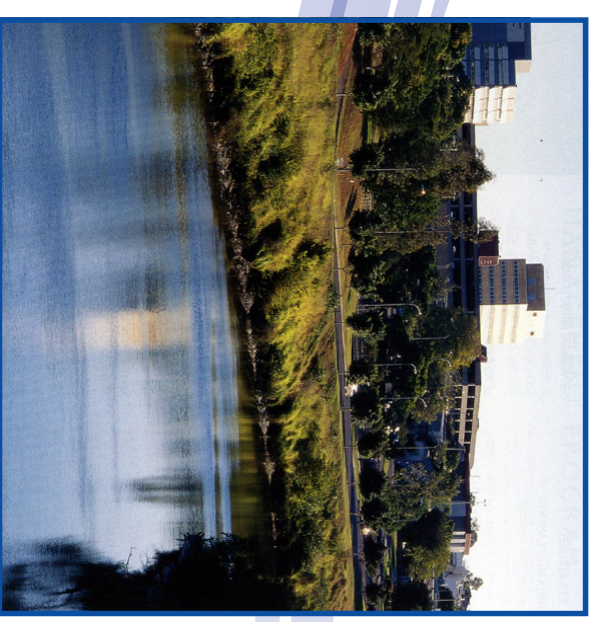
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## Caring for our Waterways



**HEALTHY WATERWAYS**  
Because we're all in the same boat.



# *Caring for our waterways*

The Ipswich Region is fortunate to have natural waterways, including the Bremer and Brisbane Rivers, which are a valuable resource that needs to be enhanced and protected. The waterways are enjoyed by a diverse group with a variety of interests across the community.

Recent studies have confirmed our waterways face real threats. Choking weed and sediment, disappearing habitat and wildlife and increased levels of nutrients and toxicants are warning signs that the river system needs our help. The solution to the problem will only be achieved through a cooperative approach involving all levels of government, industry and the community.

## *Partnerships*

Recognising the need to care for our waterways, the Queensland Government in partnership with South East Queensland local governments and industries developed the 'Regional Water Quality Management Strategy'.

The strategy gave rise to the 'Healthy Waterways' initiative, which aims to restore and enhance the waterways of South East Queensland through the development of programs to deal with water quality. Ipswich City Council is a partner in this initiative and is committed to enhancing our waterways.

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## *Ipswich Water*

As part of Ipswich City Council's commitment to the 'Healthy Waterways' initiative, Ipswich Water has focused on its wastewater treatment centres to ensure that the highest standards in wastewater treatment are achieved. Ipswich Water is currently implementing a program of treatment centre upgrades at a cost of \$45 million over five years.

## *Increased Water Quality*

Ipswich Water treats wastewater generated by industry and the community to a high standard suitable for release to waterways. Improved water quality discharged to the rivers of Ipswich will positively impact on the condition of our local waterways, as well as reducing pollutant loads on Moreton Bay.



## *Improved Treatment Standards*

Through improved treatment standards for release to waterways, and proactive pursuit of alternative uses for recycled waste, Ipswich City Council is fulfilling its responsibility to our community in enhancing the waterways of South East Queensland. Further information on the Healthy Waterways initiative is available from Ipswich Water.