

Toowoomba Railway Parklands Priority Development Area

Toowoomba is set to house a redevelopment that will see the Toowoomba Railway Parklands transformed into a thriving mixed density urban village.

The Toowoomba Railway Parklands was declared a Priority Development Area (PDA) on 12 December 2014 at the request of the Toowoomba Regional Council (TRC), with the development expected to reinforce Toowoomba's CBD core retail area. The PDA covers land centred on and around the Toowoomba Railyards, forming a geographic site north of the city and within the city frame of approximately 50 hectares.

Focused around the central parkland on the operational railyard site and Gowrie Creek, the PDA includes a mixture of commercial, industrial, retail and residential land uses and also incorporates a number of places of state and local heritage significance.

This development is something new for Toowoomba and will be designed to make sure there are plenty of pedestrian connections and public space and to

ensure the liveability of the area.

The park will differ from most other parks in the city, with a number of places for activities for families and working professionals.

Opportunities will exist in the precinct for a number of food and beverage and boutique retail businesses, as well as professional service businesses.

To watch a fly-over of the proposed PDA on the Toowoomba Regional Council website [CLICK HERE](#). To view an information sheet with more indepth information regarding the PDA [CLICK HERE](#).

For information from the DSDIP website regarding the PDA [CLICK HERE](#).

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What is a Priority Development Area?

Priority Development Areas (PDA) are parcels of land within Queensland, identified for specific accelerated development with a focus on economic growth. The State government works with local council to streamline the planning, approval and development processes to get the desired results.

Why has the PDA been Declared?

The Toowoomba Railway Parklands site is a key urban renewal area and economic development opportunity within the Toowoomba city and region. Significant Master planning has already been undertaken and declaration of this site as a PDA will build on this work and improve investor confidence in the site.

It is anticipated that development within the Toowoomba Railways Parklands PDA will:

- Generate jobs through construction and in the completed development,
- Provide a range of new housing types for our community's changing needs,
- Attract development and new business, and
- Deliver development with community benefits (e.g. community infrastructure and key services).

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The Toowoomba Railyards Redevelopment PDA will:

- Provide developers and investors clarity and certainty around the type of development the community wants
- Cut approval time for developers
- Help create a new 'urban village' in Toowoomba
- Encourage inner city living that will be sophisticated and edgy
- Be a fantastic interface between the City's heritage and new developments
- Add value to the CBD's existing streets and the new Grand Central development
- Provide a new type of housing option for the City's residents and people who are moving here to take advantage of the growth in the region

