

An overview

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Fitzroy Industry & Infrastructure Study

A vision for the lower Fitzroy region

The Fitzroy Industry and Infrastructure Study (FIIS) was initiated to explore sustainable industry development opportunities for the lower Fitzroy region.

The concept aims to create long-term economic growth and employment opportunities for the area while preserving the lifestyle of its residents.

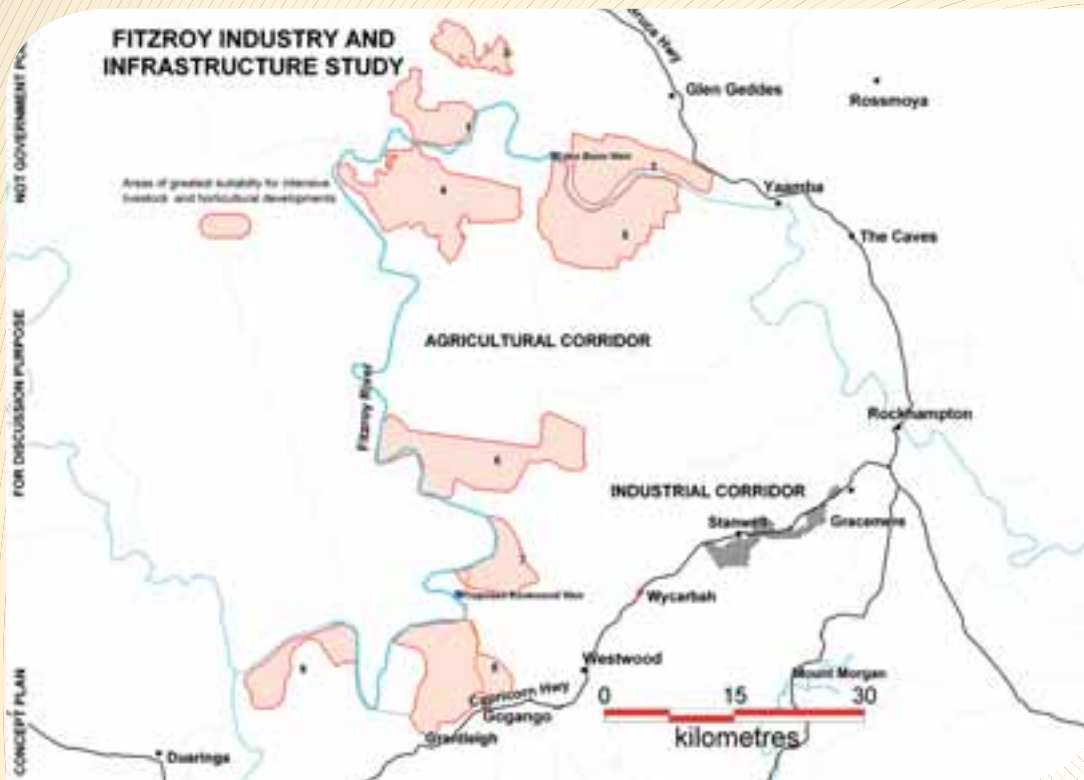
In 2002 industry, State government and local councils formed a partnership to assess a number of development opportunities and identify those that would best complement the local economy. The focus would be on those opportunities that would have real potential for success while not adversely affecting the environment or community.

Development of specialist corridors

The FIIS Analysis of Industry Development Opportunities identified two corridors of land as being the most suitable for future development:

1. Gracemere-Stanwell Industrial Corridor
2. Lower Fitzroy Agricultural Corridor.

These dedicated areas would provide complementary facilities focused on adding value to the mineral and cattle production for which Central Queensland is well known, and create more job opportunities for the region.





Industrial corridor

The **Gracemere-Stanwell Industrial Corridor** is already underway, with its development control plan adopted by Fitzroy Shire Council in 2002. The Corridor includes areas of land from Gracemere through to and including the Stanwell Power Station and Energy Park. Within the Energy Park, there will be a focus on heavy industry. Other industry (eg. food processing, stockfeed manufacture and services to support coal mining) would take place in the areas adjacent to the Energy Park.

Lower Fitzroy Agricultural corridor

After analysing trends in market demand and investor interest, the **Lower Fitzroy Agricultural Corridor** (consisting of nine potential development areas) is expected to centre on intensive livestock industries, particularly beef cattle feedlots. Significant demand was identified for producing grain-fed cattle for the high-value export markets, and for increasing supply to the region’s meat-processing plants. Some horticultural developments are also expected.

Within the corridors, the Queensland Government will continue to ensure that infrastructure exists to support business development and is compatible with the lifestyles of local residents.

Technical studies

Since completion of the Analysis of Industry Development Opportunities Report (2003), the Queensland Government has commissioned a number of technical studies to ascertain the overall sustainability (environmental and economical) of the proposed activities. Studies completed are:

- Land suitability study (2006)
- Health risk assessment (2006)
- Heat stress incidence report (2006)
- Economic assessment report (2007)
- Environmental assessment report (2007).

To date the studies show that the development can proceed with minimal concerns.

Public consultation and feedback

Local residents, business owners and the public are now invited to obtain information and offer feedback about the proposed FIIS development, or identify other issues that they feel may not have been considered.

To do so, please:

- **visit the information displays** at the Rockhampton State Development Centre (corner of Fitzroy and Bolsover Streets) or the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries Rockhampton (corner of Bruce Highway and Yeppoon Road), where copies of the technical studies will be available
- **visit the website** at www.infrastructure.qld.gov.au/fiis
- **contact the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries Business Information Centre** on 13 25 23 (local call) to obtain copies of documents or to speak with a project representative
- **email** comments to fiis@infrastructure.qld.gov.au
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