

# TOOWONG TO WEST END GREEN BRIDGE

## Concept Design Consultation Summary



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Brisbane City Council is delivering its Green Bridges Program to transform the way people travel around our city.

While planning for the Toowong to West End Green Bridge has been paused to prioritise flood recovery activities across Brisbane, Council is pleased to release the outcomes of community consultation on the concept design for this city-shaping project.

Feedback on the concept design will play a critical role in future stages of planning, including the final bridge design, ongoing connections to the city-wide walking and riding network, and management of impacts during construction, once funding for the project is secured.

### About the Toowong to West End Green Bridge

The Toowong to West End Green Bridge will make it easier to walk and ride between the growing West End community and the Toowong Centre. Together with the St Lucia to West End Green Bridge, it will connect to the city's green transport networks, enhancing the river loop walking and riding experiences.

The new green bridge will:

- ▶ offer Toowong residents direct access to markets, entertainment and green space in West End
- ▶ link West End residents to shopping, business and health facilities in Toowong
- ▶ enable commuters to interchange at Toowong railway station and Regatta ferry terminal, and access high-frequency bus services in West End and South Brisbane.

### About the Green Bridges Program

**Council is building new green bridges across Brisbane to make it even easier to get around our city on foot, by bike or scooter, or by connecting with public transport.**

Our new green bridges are a vital part of Council's plan to create world-class green transport infrastructure that will help residents navigate the city easily, leaving a lasting legacy as we set our sights on the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The bridges will provide a new link from Kangaroo Point to the CBD, a new crossing at Breakfast Creek and new links from Toowong to West End and St Lucia to West End.



**Faster and more convenient connections** between work, study and lifestyle precincts



**New and upgraded riverside parks**



**Improved access to high-frequency bus and rail services**



**River loop walking and riding experiences**

# Consultation overview

In November 2021, Council released the concept design for the Toowong to West End Green Bridge for community feedback.

The concept design outlined the preferred bridge alignment, landing points and structural form, as well as proposed design features. The design is not final and will be further developed during future stages of the project.

At this time, Council also released the key findings of the preliminary business case for the Toowong to West End Green Bridge.



Artist impressions only.

Residents, businesses and other key stakeholders had the opportunity to have their say on the concept design from 15 November 2021 until 28 February 2022.

Communication activities included a project newsletter distributed to local residents and businesses, email notifications, and updated content on Council's website including artist impressions, a fly-through animation and project plans.

At this time, Council also commenced consultation on the concept design for the St Lucia to West End Green Bridge. A separate summary and report have been prepared to outline the outcomes of consultation on this project, which are available on Council's website.

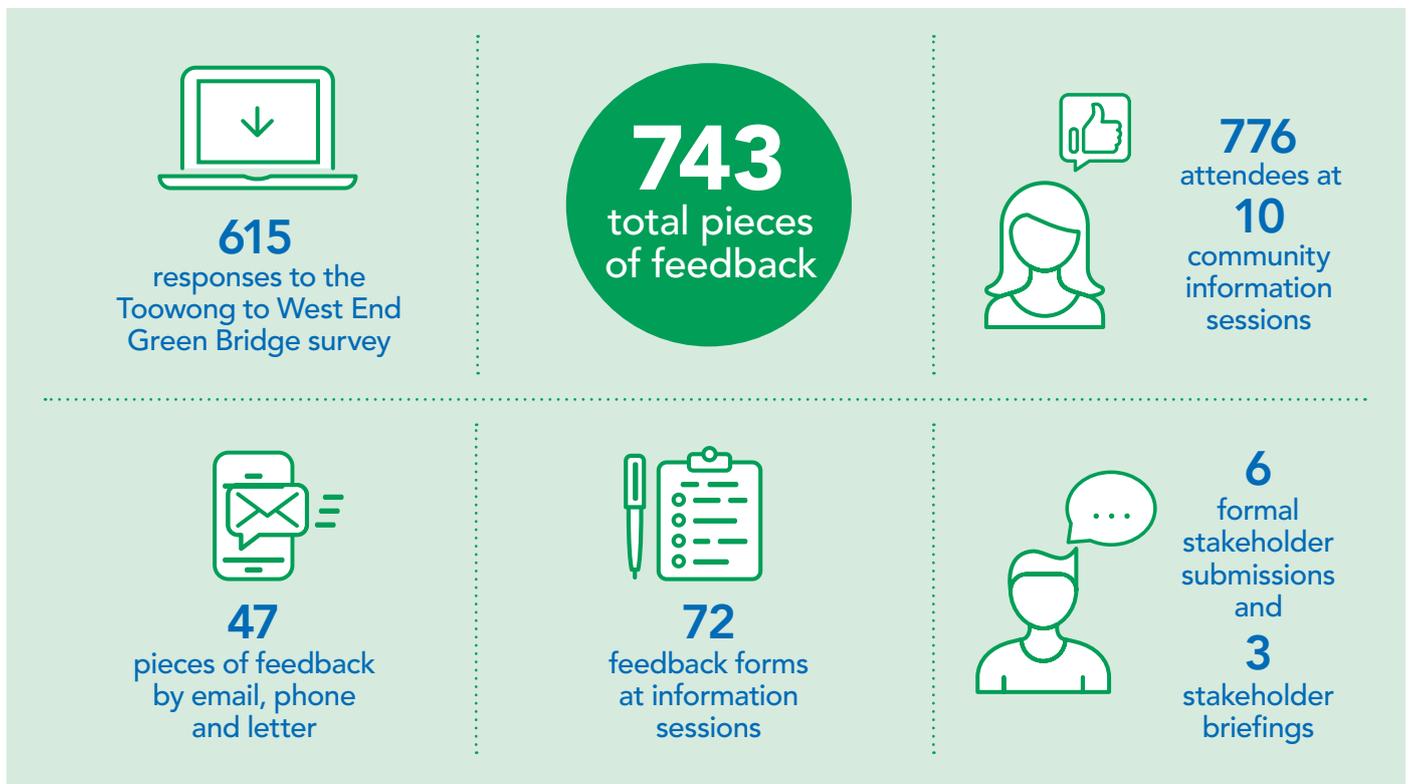
# How you participated

During the consultation period, Council hosted a range of activities to ensure residents, businesses and other key stakeholders had the opportunity to have their say on the concept design and talk to members of the project team.

This included:

- ✓ **10 community information sessions** at local venues in Toowong, St Lucia and West End
- ✓ **an online survey** hosted on Council's website
- ✓ **six pop up events** at ferry terminals, parks and locations near the bridge landings
- ✓ **meetings with key stakeholders** with an interest in the project.

Overall, Council received 743 pieces of feedback on the Toowong to West End Green Bridge, including 615 responses to the online survey, along with feedback provided at information sessions, by email, phone and letter.



Community information session at Guyatt Park, St Lucia.



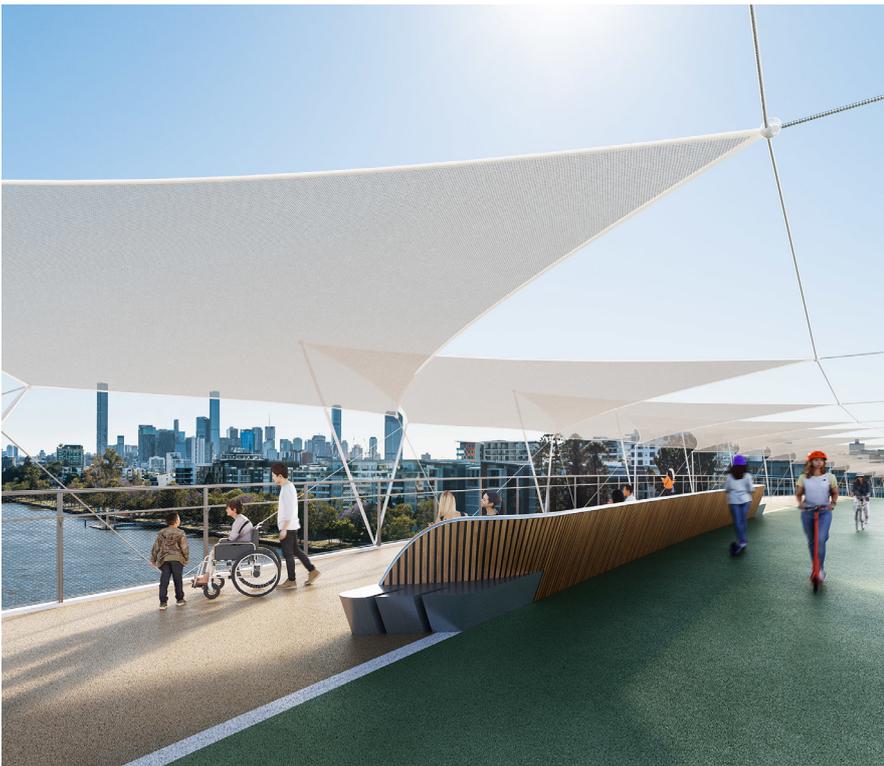
Community information session at Orleigh Park, West End.

# What you told us

Following the consultation period, Council reviewed and summarised all feedback to determine overall support for the concept design, as well as key issues for consideration during future phases of the project.

Key feedback on the Toowong to West End Green Bridge included:

- ▶ strong support for the Toowong to West End Green Bridge concept design, with support for the project to be delivered as a priority
- ▶ general positive feedback on the proposed single mast cable-stay bridge form
- ▶ general support for the bridge alignment and providing more direct pedestrian and cyclist connectivity between Toowong and West End
- ▶ some concerns with design features such as the durability and functionality of the proposed shade cover, as well as the height and visual impact of the bridge mast
- ▶ interest in how bridge users will safely and easily connect with destinations in Toowong and West End, and what upgrades to local roads / pathways may be required
- ▶ support for the delivery of a new riverside park and plaza space at the Toowong landing
- ▶ support to integrate the landing plaza into the existing park and pathways at the West End landing
- ▶ feedback on landing locations to reduce the amount of hard landscaping, maintain existing green space / trees, and protect nearby existing cultural and heritage sites
- ▶ interest in potential construction timing and impacts, particularly from local residents and river users.



Artist impression of the viewing and rest area near the bridge mast.

## Key feedback



Strong support for overall concept design



Interest in delivery timeframes



Support for improved connectivity between Toowong and West End



Interest in ongoing connections to the green and public transport networks



Support for new park and plaza at Toowong landing



Some concerns with design features including shade cover and bridge mast



Minimise impacts to green space at West End landing



Protect existing cultural and heritage sites

# Online survey results

Through the online survey, respondents were asked to provide their overall level of support for the concept design along with feedback on design features, the landing locations, and how they would use the green bridge.

A summary of the key results from the online survey is outlined below. Full results of the online survey are included in the detailed Consultation Report, which can be downloaded from Council's website.

## Overall level of support



## Most important features

### Overall design

- 1 Dedicated walking and riding paths
- 2 Shade along the length of the walking path
- 3 New riverside park at Toowong landing

### West End landing

- 1 Connectivity to existing walking and riding paths
- 2 New subtropical planting and park upgrades
- 3 Preserve existing heritage features and trees

### Toowong landing

- 1 Connectivity to routes on Coronation Drive
- 2 Connectivity to Toowong village and rail station
- 3 New riverside park space

**52%** of survey respondents said they would use the bridge daily or weekly



**56%** of survey respondents said they would mainly use the bridge for exercise, recreation or leisure



## Next Steps

**Council recognises the positive level of support for the Toowong to West End Green Bridge to be delivered as a priority, providing a vital cross-river link that will make it easier for residents and visitors to travel around our city into the future.**

While planning for the Toowong to West End and St Lucia to West End Green Bridges was paused in 2022 to prioritise flood recovery activities across Brisbane, Council will seek additional contributions from the Queensland and Australian governments to help deliver these critical projects.

If funding is secured during the flood recovery effort, Council will consider progressing these bridges sooner than anticipated.

To ensure the necessary land is preserved for the future construction of the Toowong to West End Green Bridge, Council has been in ongoing discussions with the owners and developers of the proposed landing site at 600 Coronation Drive, Toowong. Funding has been set aside this financial year to progress land acquisition at this site, confirming Council's commitment to deliver the Toowong to West End Green Bridge, once funding is secured to deliver the project.

Council will continue to keep the community informed about the new green bridges and will provide a further opportunity for feedback on the Toowong to West End Green Bridge during future phases of project planning.

## Project timing



## More information

For a copy of the detailed Consultation Report, visit Council's website at [brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://brisbane.qld.gov.au) and search 'Toowong to West End Green Bridge' or scan the QR code below.

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