

Table: Public Open Space/Greenspace Area & Funding for Selected Local Governments in South-East Queensland August 2007*

Local Government	Total LG Area (ha)	State lands in NP, CP & Forest Reserves (ha)	LG acquired & publicly accessible open space (ha)	State land % LGA area	Public accessible LG-owned Greenspace % LGA areas	Annual Levy or Charge (\$)	Estimated 06-07 total \$ received	Levy or Charge Name
Gold Coast City	137,682	12,250	2770	14%	2%	39.00	10.5M	Open Space Preservation Charge
Redland Shire						70.00	3.4M	Environmental Charge
Logan City						50.00	3.3M	Environmental Charge
Brisbane City	134,375	30,776	1600	12%	1%	31.52	13.2M	Bushland Preservation Levy
Esk Shire	392,736	60,634	-	19%	-	12.92	100K	Environmental Levy
Maroochy Shire	116,111	29,197	1,480	25%	1.3%	55.00	2.75M	Environmental Levy
Caloundra city	109,622	27,954	N/A	29%	N/A	60.00	2.4M	Environmental Levy
Noosa Shire						50.00	1.4M	Conservation Levy
Pine Rivers Shire						30.00	1.6M	Environmental Levy
Ipswich City	120,154	429	4,600	0.35%	4%	31.00	1.8M	EnviroPlan
Toowoomba City						30.00	1.0M	Park and Bushland Levy
Gatton Shire						20.00	114K	Environmental Levy
Average						\$48.3		
Total							\$41.564M	

*Note 1: Figures are generally accurate although small adjustments may be required to reflect recent local government acquisitions and changes through the South East Queensland Forest Agreement Source: Sinclair Knight Merz report to ICC entitled 'Greenspace Targets' January 2006.

Note 2: Information was compiled from the following sources- (1) Ipswich City Council, 2007 draft Local Growth Management Strategy Table 4.5.1; (2) Esk Shire Council press release on "Environmental Levy for Esk" dated 25 October 2006 (3) Estimated # dwellings in LG (from SEQRP Table 6, page 66) X annual levy. Assuming the annual levy applies to each dwelling

Brisbane City Council *Open Space Acquisition and Revenue*

Amount collected through the ***BCC Bushland Levy*** = **\$13.2M** in 06-07.

The Bushland Preservation Levy remains at about \$32/year.

Due to an increasing rate base (BCC population), the revenue increases at just less than 1% per annum.

BCC expenditure on open space acquisition in 06-07 was **\$15.4M** to purchase **220 hectares**.

Note that annual expenditure can be variable due to effort required to progress resumptions and other factors.

Since the inception of the Bushland Preservation Levy in 1991, capital expenditure of **\$96.5M** has purchased more than **2,450 hectares**.

BCC has other “park” acquisition programs and funding which when combined total about **\$10-\$12M per annum**:

- Infrastructure Charges;
- Ward Park Trusts;
- City Park Trust; and
- Local Area Outline Plan budgets.

Total BCC Open Space Acquisition and Revenue funding = \$23.2M - \$24.2M per annum