

## The Voice of Good Development

# REASONS FOR APPROVAL

Commencement of the *Planning Act 2016* has delivered an opportunity, to start a community conversation about **good development outcomes** across Queensland. The new planning legislation requires decision makers to publish the reasons why they decide to **approve** individual development applications (DA). In the past, decision reasons were only required when a DA was refused. This initiative is an **opportunity to balance** the conversation, to talk about the **positives**.

This is an opportunity at the core of the **YIMBY Qld** values, an opportunity that **YIMBY Qld** embraces. **YIMBY Qld** recognises, celebrates and showcases the many benefits that innovative, sustainable and well-planned development outcomes bring to our cities.

We believe good development features one or more of the 4 YIMBY Qld Qualities.



### Design Excellence

local or international award-winning architecture,  
landscape architecture, urban design  
**new landmarks**  
excellence in place making



### Community Dividend

public art  
**community / cultural precincts**  
vibrant lifestyle precincts  
**parks, plazas, public realm**  
rejuvenates precincts suffering decline  
**enhances community safety**  
community infrastructure (roads, pathways,  
cycleways, bicycle parking, water, sewer,  
stormwater, lighting, parks, embellishments)  
**connectivity**  
green positive outcome  
**unlocks a catalyst site**  
delivers casual surveillance  
**supports the night time economy**  
job creation and investment  
**diversity of housing types for all stages of the  
lifecycle**  
achieves density in the right locations  
**contributes to a self-contained neighbourhood**  
provides shade and minimises reflected UV  
radiation  
**sport and recreation opportunities**  
socially inclusive places  
**community focal point**  
responds to community /economic need



### Sustainability

heritage restoration and adaptive reuse  
**environmental (bushland, wildlife habitat, waterway)  
protection, regeneration**  
reduces resource use, supports resource efficiency  
**connects a network of green spaces**  
promotes active living and walkability  
**supports active transport, provides end of trip  
facilities, bicycle parking**  
supports intergenerational equity, affordable living,  
aging in place  
**green star accreditation**  
facilitates the shared economy, bike sharing  
schemes, car sharing



### Innovation

new technology  
**sustainability initiatives**  
provides solutions, solves complex design problems

We acknowledge this brochure will not simplify the task of development assessment or meet the statutory obligations for decision notices, but we hope these **features, attributes and benefits** under each YIMBY Qld Quality provide inspiration for writing reasons for approval.

YIMBY Qld supports good development outcomes that make for better living. **Our goal is to engage the community and decision makers in meaningful dialogue to develop cities of the future where everyone is welcome.** YIMBY Qld is a call to arms to planners, calling for YIMBYs to join the movement to celebrate, encourage and support good development outcomes that make for better living. YIMBY Qld is enthusiastic about continuously growing this list so welcomes your **feedback**.

**Join the movement!**

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