

APPLICATIONS FOR NON-RESIDENT WORKER ACCOMMODATION

BALANCING GROWTH AND LIVEABILITY

The Isaac region continues to power Queensland through mining and resource development.

Our towns host workers, support industry and deliver the services that keep projects running. But the scale of non-resident accommodation is creating a population imbalance that affects long-term liveability and growth.

There are **35 operational camps** and **four approved but not yet built**, providing **22,194 constructed beds** with another **6,511 approved**. That is more than **28,000 potential camp beds** across Isaac.

When new camps proceed without clear housing strategies, population decline accelerates and the balance between residents and temporary workforces weakens.

↓ WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW

Companies are applying for new or expanded non-resident accommodation to house project workforces, often without a housing or accommodation plan that supports permanent population growth.

This drives a cycle where more workers stay in camps and fewer settle in towns. School enrolments fall, community participation drops, businesses struggle and essential services like childcare, health and sport become harder to sustain.

Our aim is not to stop investment but to ensure it also strengthens the communities that make this work possible.

↓ WHY IT MATTERS

When too many workers live in camps and too few live in town, the social and economic balance shifts. Shops and services lose business, clubs lose players and volunteers, housing markets stagnate

and the community fabric begins to fray. A healthy population mix supports both industry and liveability. Without it, regional sustainability is at risk.

➔ WHAT WE'RE ADVOCATING FOR

Isaac Regional Council is calling for a more balanced and responsible approach to non-resident accommodation approvals.

Before any new camp rooms or expansions are approved, companies should provide a Local Housing and Accommodation Strategy showing how their project will increase local housing supply and support community participation.

This strategy must outline:

- How many workers will be supported to live locally and how this will be achieved.
- What investment will be made in permanent housing, along with timing and locations.
- How the project will support community facilities and local services.

This ensures resource projects operate successfully while contributing to the long-term strength and stability of the towns that host them.

↓ WORKING TOGETHER

Isaac communities are proud of their role in supporting Queensland's energy and resource sector.

We want to keep that role strong by building towns that attract families, workers and businesses.

We are ready to work with government and industry to find practical solutions that protect both our economic contribution and our community future.