

The Tweed Economic Development Corporation

The Tweed Economic Development Corporation Ltd (TEDC) is a unique structure for the delivery of economic development at a local government and regional level. It is an independent company, limited by guarantee, contracted by the Tweed Shire Council to give leadership and direction to economic growth, governed by a Board of nine (9) independent Directors, representing broad and diverse business and professional backgrounds, and three appointed representatives of Tweed Shire Council.

TEDC's professional staff includes the Chief Executive Officer and Director Tom Senti, two Business Development Officers, (one Project Management and one Marketing and IT Management), as well as two Economic Consultants part-time formally from the Centre for Economic Policy Modelling at the University of Queensland.

Our Mission

- To increase employment opportunities through economic growth.
- To identify and facilitate economic growth, which is ecologically, environmentally and economically sustainable.
- To give focus and direction to the Tweed by working in partnership with all groups to form a conduit between community, business and governments.
- To enable the establishment of a common marketing direction, which will put the Tweed first.
- To promote, enhance and protect the lifestyle of the Tweed.

The TEDC is your guide to opportunities to invest, relocate or expand your business in the Tweed. The TEDC provides thoroughly researched statistics and information to support its approach to business/investment growth, attraction, relocation and expansion in the Tweed. For more information, or to subscribe to the "Thinking, Growing, Smarter" Newsletter visit www.tedc.com.au.

The Tweed Ready for Business Economic Growth Management Strategy

The primary objective of The Tweed Ready for Business Economic Growth Management Strategy is to identify a plan for facilitating sustainable economic growth in the Tweed. The Strategy aims to reinforce, complement and enhance the economic development and employment generation component of the Tweed Futures Strategic Plan 2004 – 2024, which was adopted by the Tweed Shire Council following significant community and industry consultation. The Tweed "Ready for Business" Strategy will also be used to identify and secure funding to drive the Strategic Directions outlined in the document.

The Strategic Directions in this document aim to:

- Give leadership and direction to increase job-creating growth and investment attraction;
- Promote, facilitate and assist the national and international competitiveness of new and existing industries;
- Facilitate the provision of world-class infrastructure;
- Foster a positive business culture and environment;
- Facilitate the diversification of the Shire's industry base to support a robust economy;
- Be creative and innovative in the approach to promoting economic vitality, while maintaining the ecological integrity and cultural fabric of the Tweed.

The Tweed

The Tweed is one of the nation's fastest growing regions, located at the epicentre of the east coast growth corridor of Australia. Population projections confirm that by 2021, 31% of Australia's population growth will take place in this corridor, stretching from Coffs Harbour in the south to Hervey Bay in the north.

The Tweed is New South Wales' northern-most regional growth centre, strategically located on the border with South East Queensland, creating a dynamic economic growth zone. Proximity to the Gold Coast Airport and ports of Brisbane, position the Tweed perfectly to play an integral part in the future growth of this coastal region. Population-driven economic growth is providing significant opportunities for investors and businesses looking to establish or relocate to this evolving, maturing region.

Enterprise land banks, abundant supply of water, transport infrastructure, and national and international communication links including the availability of broadband, as well as competitive freight costs to southern population centres and a skilled and educated workforce, are all elements, which create the opportunities to relocate and attract new business and investment to the Tweed region.

The key economic drivers for the Tweed are broad-based and diverse, providing opportunities in transport, manufacturing, aviation, warehousing, distribution, and technology, in addition to the established areas of tourism, health, education and agriculture.

The Tweed - the southern-most sub-tropical region of Australia - has as a vibrant regional economy, inextricably linked to that of South East Queensland, complemented by a diversity of commercial, industrial and rural enterprises, pristine beaches, and exotic rainforest.

The Tweed is a mecca for business growth, lifestyle and investment opportunities