

Glossary

cogeneration plant	Allows for the utilisation of the normally wasted heat energy produced by a power plant or industrial process, especially to generate electricity.	softscape	Softscape comprises the animate, horticultural elements of landscape design.	Varsity Lakes	A suburb of the Gold Coast. This suburb was originally known as Stephens, however in 2002 Stephens, Andrews and a section of Robina was amalgamated to form the new suburb of Varsity Lakes.
crime prevention through environmental design	An approach to deterring criminal behavior through the design of public and private places.	South East Queensland	A region of the state of Queensland that covers 22,420 square kilometres – extending 240 kilometres from Noosa in the north to the Gold Coast and New South Wales border in the south, and 140 kilometres west to Toowoomba.	Varsity Station Village	The 14 hectare government-owned site is located at Varsity Lakes on Queensland's Gold Coast. The site is bordered by the Pacific Motorway, Scottsdale Drive and Coromandel Lane. It is adjacent to the future Varsity Lakes rail station that is currently under construction and due to open in 2010.
enquiry-by-design workshops	These workshops bring together major stakeholders, designers and planners to discuss, develop and draw possible urban design and planning solutions to specific place-based problems.	South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program 2008-2026 (the Program)	Outlines the Queensland Government's infrastructure priorities for the South East Queensland region to support the South East Queensland Regional Plan 2005–2026.	Village Vision	A public consultation document released in November 2007 designed to give insight into what is being considered for Varsity Station Village.
hardscape	Anything you build as part of a landscape that is not made of living things.	South East Queensland Regional Plan 2005–2026 (the Regional Plan)	Provides a framework for managing growth, land use and development within south east Queensland.	water sensitive urban design	A holistic approach to the planning and design of urban development that aims to minimise negative impacts on the natural water cycle and protect the health of aquatic ecosystems. It promotes the integration of stormwater, water supply and sewage management at the development scale.
infill	The planned conversion of empty lots, underused or rundown buildings, and other available space in densely built-up urban and suburban areas for use as sites for commercial buildings and housing, frequently as an alternative to overdevelopment of rural areas.	swale	A wide, shallow depression in the ground designed to channel drainage of rainwater.	watershed	An important point of division or transition between two phases.
kiss 'n' ride facilities	A designated drop off and pick up area.	transit	A word used to describe public transport such as rail and bus services		
land modelling	Reshaping of the land carried out to accommodate both residential and infrastructure development.	transit oriented development	Mixed-use residential and employment areas designed to maximise the efficient use of land through high levels of access to public transport		
master plan	A comprehensive plan that describes and maps the overall development concept for an area or precinct, including present and future land use, detailed urban design and landscaping, built forms, infrastructure and service provision.	urban village	An urban village is an urban planning and design concept typically characterised by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • medium density development • mixed-use zoning • the provision of good public transport • pedestrian and public spaces An urban village provides a high level of self-containment (people working, recreating and living in the same area) and helps facilitate community and interaction.		
park 'n' ride facilities	Car parking facilities conveniently located near a transport interchange.	urbanised	Made urban in nature. Taking on urban characteristics.		
public realm	Urban spaces to which the public predominantly have access.				
sense of place	The essential character and spirit of an area.				
sleeved	The use of building facades and land uses to screen inactive and unsightly urban areas such as car parking.				

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