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Brisbane residents want development to protect lifestyle, green space and commute

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RESIDENTS have told the Brisbane City Council their top three priorities for the city’s future development after a multimillion-dollar planning survey.
Feedback from the Plan Your Brisbane campaign, which included a controversial online game, nominated lifestyle and green space as residents' top concerns.

Brisbane’s opposition councillors say the results should sound “alarm bells” for the Lord Mayor.

Lord Mayor Graham Quirk said 114,447 residents provided feedback, including 82,654 residents who played the Plan Your Brisbane game.

Of the “players”, 30.9 per cent nominated lifestyle as a top priority, followed by green space with 27.7 per cent, while travel times was most important to 15.6 per cent.

“These results show that when it comes to Brisbane’s future, there’s so much we can all agree on, but there are things we need to do differently, as we carefully plan for growth,” he said.
Cr Quirk said the next step was to develop a charter of principles to guide future planning decisions, which would be released in June.
Opposition city planning spokesman Jared Cassidy said the results showed it was clear people were worried about Brisbane losing its enviable lifestyle.

“This survey should be sounding alarm bells for Lord Mayor Quirk,” he said.

“We didn’t need to spend millions to find out what’s wrong with Brisbane — residents have been screaming from the rooftops for years.”

He said the administration was responsible for bad development that was a “direct attack” on the city’s lifestyle.

“Streets are parked out, infrastructure is crumbling in our suburbs and commutes are taking longer than ever,” he said.