Introduction

The preliminary estimated resident population of Maranoa Regional Council (hereafter referred to as Maranoa) at 30 June 2011 was 13,460 persons (Source: ABS 3218.0). This is expected to increase to between 13,620 (low series) and 14,500 (high series) persons by 2016, representing a population increase over the 2011–2016 period of between 160 (low series) and 1,040 (high series) (Source: Queensland Government Population Projections to 2031, Local Government Areas 2011 edition).

Land stock

The total area of broadhectare land available in Maranoa Regional Council for residential development is 255 hectares, representing a very small percentage of the total land area (Tables 1 and 2). This land supply is shown on two maps that accompany this profile.

Broadhectare land is defined as the amount of unconstrained residential land identified under the current planning scheme including existing residential developments approved by council.

For this study, the analysis of broadhectare land has been confined to council’s Priority Infrastructure Area (PIA). However, Broadhectare land identified outside the PIA has been classified as “no timeframe specified”. This land has not been included in the analysis, but has been quantified at 665 hectares yielding 4,390 dwellings.

Broadhectare land can be further classified as follows:

- urban residential land for development – 250 hectares
- lower density residential land for development – 5 hectares.

‘Lower density’ refers to development yielding three dwellings or less per hectare, or as otherwise described in the planning scheme.

‘Standard urban density’ refers to development yielding between 4 and 15 dwellings per hectare.

‘Higher density’ refers to development yielding greater than 15 dwellings per hectare.

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<th>Broadhectare stock (hectares)</th>
<th>Expected dwelling yield (dwellings) (b)</th>
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<td>2–5 years</td>
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<td>5+ years</td>
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<td>Total</td>
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(a) Components may not sum exactly to totals due to rounding.
(b) Dwelling yield from broadhectare stock within council's PIA.
Dwelling yields
Table 2 shows the ‘expected dwelling yield’ from broadhectare land within council’s PIA. The main points from Table 2 are:

- Broadhectare land within council’s PIA can potentially yield some 2,420 dwellings.
- Development at standard urban densities would account for almost the entire total expected dwelling yield.

Stock composition
Broadhectare parcels available for urban development in Maranoa Regional Council are predominantly less than 1.2 hectares in area (Table 3). For all broadhectare parcels, the difference between the overall parcel area (346 hectares) and the area available for development (255 hectares) indicates that some parcels are affected by physical or environmental constraints. The main points from Table 3 include:

- Residential stock is contained within 183 land parcels.
- Parcels less than 1.2 hectares account for almost 83 per cent of all parcels.
- Of the urban broadhectare stock, more than 48 per cent is contained in parcels more than 10 hectares.
- There are only a small number of large parcels available for urban development.

Population capacity
Average household size for occupied private dwellings in Maranoa Regional Council at the time of the 2011 Census was 2.5 and 1.5 persons for houses and attached dwellings respectively. Table 4 shows a range of possible population yields for the total identified broadhectare stock in each density category by a range of household sizes. The current household sizes at the time of the 2011 Census are highlighted.

The main finding from Table 4 is that, depending on average household size, land from broadhectare development could accommodate between 4,800 persons and 6,800 persons. Further development in existing residential areas, where the parcel size is less than 2,500 square metres, could also accommodate additional population.
**Total potential dwelling yield**

Servicing land with water and sewerage infrastructure is a potential constraint to residential development, and adjustments have been made to the broadhectare stock by confining supply to only those broadhectare parcels within council’s PIA. Furthermore, to determine overall residential land supply for this study, existing vacant residential land stock below 2,500 square metres has been added to the broadhectare supply. Residential land supply, based on these components indicates a total potential dwelling yield of more than 2,800 dwellings (Table 5).

**Years supply – illustrative only**

Evidently, not all future dwelling demand will be met through development of broadhectare land. Nevertheless, an indicator of the adequacy of the supply of residential land (broadhectare and vacant lots) can be calculated by comparing the total supply as indicated above with future demand.

To make an assessment of future demand and determine if there is an adequate supply of residential land, three scenarios of dwelling projections have been used based on the Queensland Government’s population projection series—low, medium and high. An allowance has been made for a continuous but gradual decline in average household size into the future. Figure 1 and Table 5 show, under all series projection the supply is beyond the projection range.

Table 5 also shows that existing developed vacant land stock accounts for almost 14 per cent of the total residential land stock yield.

**Table 5: Maranoa Regional Council Broadhectare supply scenarios**

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<th>Dwelling production scenario (a)</th>
<th>Demand for residential lots</th>
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<td>Dwelling required per annum (b)</td>
<td>Broadhectare dwelling yield (c)</td>
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<td>Low trend</td>
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<td>High trend</td>
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(a) Based on dwelling projection levels produced in 2011.
(b) Dwellings required per annum to 2031 based on Government Statistician dwelling projections.
(c) Adjusted to take into account only the broadhectare land within councils PIA.
(d) Estimate of vacant residential land stock at July 2012.
(e) Supply of residential lots.
(f) Illustrative supply if no development occurs outside of broadhectare land.

**Conclusion – Maranoa Regional Council**

The study has determined that the total area of broadhectare land available for residential development is 255 hectares. If this land was fully developed it could potentially yield approximately 2,400 dwellings and accommodate approximately 5,800 persons, using current average household sizes.

Based on current household projections and the expected broadhectare dwelling yield, the available residential land stock will be beyond the current projection range.
Legend

Broadhectare land

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<th>Timeframe</th>
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Legend:

- Urban Land Development Authority area
- Priority Infrastructure Area
- Major roads
- Local government boundaries

Other map features

Notes

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