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Bid for state cash support to get projects off the ground

IPSWICH City Council is banking on State Government support to help bring its plans of a library and community hub in Springfield Central to life.

The council's 2016 budget, announced last week, has dedicated \$15 million to the project, with \$4 million allocated this financial year and the remainder to be set aside in the next financial year.

However, the council wants to take the development to the next level and to do that they will be chasing the support of the State Government.

Councillor (Division 1) David Morrison said Ipswich City Council would ask the State Government to contribute to the six-storey project.

"The council is prepared to fund the library by ourselves, but that would only allow a two-storey building," Cr Morrison said.

"The decision by the State Government determines what we can do," Cr Morrison said.

State Labor MP for Bundamba Jo-Ann Miller said she was unaware of the project but welcomed council's submission.

The proposed library is to be built on Mirvac-owned land, adjacent to the Springfield Central Shopping Centre and across from the lagoon.

Cr Morrison said the project would be unique and much more than just a "room full of books".

"We'd like to have an area overlooking the lagoon," he said.

The development is likely to take more than two years to complete with the public granted access in about three years.

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