

Wacol is a suburb of [Brisbane, Australia](#). According to the [2001 census](#), a total of 4851 people lived within the boundaries of Wacol. The suburb is located on the east bank of the [Brisbane River](#), 18 km south-west of the [Brisbane central business district](#), on the [Brisbane-Ipswich railway line](#).

The [Ipswich Motorway](#) crosses the suburb and is about to undergo a major upgrade. The [Logan Motorway](#) connects to the Ipswich Motorway in the south of the suburb.

Wacol is home for [jail](#) inmates at the [Brisbane Correctional Centre](#) (previously known as Sir David Longland Correctional Centre), [Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre](#), [Brisbane Youth Detention Centre](#) (10-17 year olds), the [Brisbane Women's Correctional Centre](#) and the [Wolston Correctional Centre](#). There is also a significant industrial park located in the area.

The suburb played host to the American military during [World War II](#), who constructed [Camp Columbia](#) in [1942](#); after the war, control of the facility was transferred to the Australian government who used it primarily as a "holding centre" for post-war [refugees](#).

WACOL: The green light has been given to a \$1 billion industry and business park on the former Sananada Army Barracks site at Wacol.

Following the resolution of an appeal in the Planning and Environment Court last week approval has been granted for the 93-hectare project, Metroplex at Westgate.

It is expected it will support up to 10,000 workers once complete.

Representative of the developer, Pradella, Peter Macgregor said the Westgate development is expected to accommodate 350,000 residents and 200,000 new workers by 2026.

Construction on the first stage of the development is expected to start in 2012, with the first lots to be made available for lease and purchase in 2013.

The centre of the development will feature Etro, which will boast an array of shops, restaurants and facilities such as childcare, fitness clubs, a medical centre and pharmacy and a civic square for gatherings and performances.

Comprising 250,000sqm of industry floorspace and a 6000sqm retail and business precinct, Metroplex at Westgate will be almost double the size of its sister project Metroplex Gateway in Murrarie