

Media Release

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Developer contributions for Austral and Leppington North

Today IPART released its final report on the infrastructure contributions that Liverpool City Council can levy in the Austral and Leppington North (ALN) Precincts.

The council will use the contributions it collects to fund the open space, stormwater, transport infrastructure and land needed to support the development.

"The contributions plan covers around 1,500 hectares and is expected to provide infrastructure to 16,000 new dwellings and a population of around 57,000, with capacity for an additional 13,000 jobs in the area.

"It will include new town centres for Austral and Leppington, a stormwater system to manage major flood events, 12.6km of new or upgraded roads, pedestrian access and around 120 hectares of open space for residents," said Tribunal member Deborah Cope.

Liverpool City Council proposes to levy a total of around \$1 billion in contributions to provide the infrastructure needed to service the area. We expect that this will result in contribution rates of around \$60,000 for a typical home.


Our analysis has found the infrastructure costs in the plan are essential and reasonable, and that public consultation has occurred.

We consider there is a possibility the council's costs might turn out to be underestimated. IPART has recommended the council review its costs within the next 2 years, including the actual costs from implementation of the plan.

Also the provision of open space in the plan is below the council's benchmarks and we have recommended the council explore options it has suggested to mitigate this shortfall.

The Final Report is available on IPART's website www.ipart.nsw.gov.au.

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