

# Media Release

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## Draft report to improve the developer contributions process

IPART has released a draft report providing advice to the NSW Government on aspects of the local infrastructure contributions system.

The advice would affect how much councils can charge developers in NSW to pay for the infrastructure and open space that councils provide to support the supply of new homes and the building of new communities.

IPART Tribunal Member, Ms Deborah Cope, said the current system isn't clear on what infrastructure is being delivered, whether it is being delivered for the right price, or what developers might be charged when planning to build or invest.

"To address this, the NSW Government is planning changes to the rules around the levying of infrastructure contributions. The Government has asked IPART to advise on a consistent set of principles and costs that will complement the new system."

IPART's draft report is designed to help councils identify the infrastructure that is needed to support development and the costs that should be paid for by developers. It also outlines what information councils should make available to their communities and developers to show how they made these decisions.

"We have developed a principles-based framework that could apply to all developments in all areas across NSW and respond to changes in the needs and expectations of communities over time", Ms Cope said.

IPART's draft report also includes a methodology for determining benchmark costs with advice on a set of benchmark values to be released on 12 November 2021.

IPART is inviting submissions on its draft report until 26 November 2021. IPART will provide a final report to the NSW Minister for Planning and Open Spaces by 31 December 2021.

The draft report is available on IPART's [website](#).

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and the Environment is currently exhibiting a range of [proposed changes to the infrastructure contributions system in NSW](#).

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