



The Hon. Rob Stokes MP
Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

IRF20/4398

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Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear Dr Paterson

I am writing to request the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) undertake a targeted assessment of revised open space embellishment costs in Blacktown City Council's Contributions Plan No. 21 – Marsden Park (CP21). As the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has previously advised the IPART, the Office of the Premier has given its support to this targeted assessment.

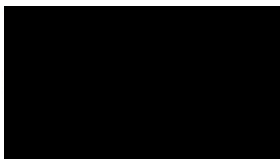
This request relates to IPART's assessment of CP21 published in August 2017 and Recommendation 20 that 'pending the outcome of a recommended review, Council remove \$112 million of open space embellishment costs from the plan'. The former Minister for Planning supported this recommendation. Council did not support the recommendation but adopted CP21 on the understanding that once it conducts the recommended review and update of these open space embellishment costs, it can include them back into the plan.

Council has now completed its review and has made a request to include the revised open space embellishment costs back into the plan. The scope of the targeted assessment would only include a review of revised costs for open space items that were included in the version of CP21 assessed by IPART in 2017. My nominee would reissue their advice to Council if IPART finds these revised costs to be reasonable.

Your consideration of this request would be greatly appreciated. The NSW Government is keen to assist Council to resolve this matter to support the provision of open space in Marsden Park.

Should you have any questions about this request, please contact Geoff Thompson, Director Infrastructure Programs and Coordination, at the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely



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CC: The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier