

# Developer contributions

## Policy No. 6251.100.E.R

### 1 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure public infrastructure is delivered efficiently and fairly to support new growth. City of Darwin aims to:

- provide infrastructure when and where it's needed
- ensure development contributions are necessary, fair, and transparent, and
- support community well-being through planned development.

### 2 Scope

This policy sets out the City of Darwin position regarding development contributions (contribution plans) for the provision of infrastructure in new and established areas of the Municipality.

### 3 Policy statement

Public infrastructure is funded through various sources including Federal and Territory Government taxes; Council property rates and special area rates; Federal and Territory grants; public private partnerships and contributions; and user and/or access fees and charges.

When an area is experiencing pressure on existing infrastructure and new or upgraded infrastructure is required to cater for development in the area, Council is able to develop contribution plans to ensure that developers contribute equitably and proportionately.

City of Darwin will consider delivery of associated infrastructure works by developers in lieu of contributions only where prior approval of Council has been granted and where what is delivered contributes to the whole of the upgrade works required.

Development contributions may be sought for, but not limited to:

- a new item of infrastructure
- an upgrade in the standard of provision of an existing item of infrastructure
- an extension to existing infrastructure
- any ancillary plant, equipment, works or fixture related to the infrastructure.

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City of Darwin will consider the following principles when developing a contribution plan:

- need and nexus
- transparency
- equity
- certainty
- efficiency
- consistency
- consultation
- accountability

Contributions are for the initial capital requirements only and not for ongoing maintenance, or operating costs of the infrastructure.

## 4 Definitions

Definitions as provided within the *Planning Act 1999* (NT) and each contribution plan.

## 5 Legislative references

*Local Government Act 2019* (NT)

*Planning Act 1999* (NT)

*Planning Scheme 2020* (NT)

## 6 Procedures / related documents

City of Darwin contributions plans

## 7 Responsibility / application

The General Manager Innovation is responsible for managing the implementation of this policy. This policy will be reviewed every four years, or as required.