

20 July 2023

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Attention Ms Stacey Devaney & Mr Patrick Clifton

Dear Sir/Madam

**Development Application for Reconfiguring a Lot  
(One lot into two lots and access easement)  
At 133 Davidson Street Port Douglas  
On Land Described as Lot 3 on RP728667**

Please find attached the Decision Notice for the above-mentioned development application.

Please quote Council's application number: ROL 2023\_5442/1 in all subsequent correspondence relating to this development application.

Should you require any clarification regarding this, please contact Jenny Elphinstone on telephone 07 4099 9444.

Yours faithfully



**For**  
**Paul Hoyer**  
**Manager Environment & Planning**

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## Decision Notice

### Approval (with conditions)

*Given under s 63 of the Planning Act 2016*

#### Applicant Details

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#### Property Details

Street Address: 133 Davidson Street Port Douglas

Real Property Description: Lot 3 on RP728667

Local Government Area: Douglas Shire Council

#### Details of Proposed Development

Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (One lot into two lots and access easement).

#### Decision

Date of Decision: 20 July 2023

Decision Details: Approved (subject to conditions)

#### Approved Drawing(s) and/or Document(s) - Subject to an Amended Plan as required by conditions.

Copies of the following plans, specifications and/or drawings are enclosed.

The term 'approved drawing(s) and/or document(s) or other similar expressions means:

Drawing or Document	Reference	Date
Proposal Plan	Generally in accordance with RPS AAP Consulting Pty Ltd, Drawing AU010304-1 B, dated 16 June 2023 and as amended by the conditions of the approval.	To be determined.

**Note** – The plans referenced above will require amending in order to comply with conditions of this Decision Notice.

## **Assessment Manager Conditions & Advices**

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### **Conditions**

1. Carry out the approved development generally in accordance with the approved drawing(s) and/or document(s), and in accordance with:
  - a. The specifications, facts and circumstances as set out in the application submitted to Council.
  - b. The following conditions of approval and the requirements of Council's Planning Scheme and the FNQROC Development Manual.

Except where modified by these conditions of approval

### **Timing of Effect**

2. The conditions of the Development Permit must be effected prior to Council endorsement of the Plan of Survey, except where specified otherwise in these conditions of approval.

### **Amendment to Lot and Easement Design**

3. The proposed layout must be amended to accommodate the following changes:
  - a. Incorporate a splay on the southwest corner of the proposed Lot 1 to enable turning access for vehicles parking in the vehicle parking areas associated with proposed Lot 2.
  - b. Extension of the sealed driveway area in proposed Lot 2 to enable the full B99 vehicle rear turning movement;
  - c. Location of all proposed services for the separate lots, including electricity, water, telecommunications and sewer having regard to the need for separate water and sewer connections to each new lot;
  - d. Location of a new sewer connection for proposed Lot 2 to the northwest corner of the existing lot to ensure minimal encumbrance over Proposed Lot 2.
  - d. Location and dimensions of all required easements to enable the separate service arrangements for each new lot;

Details of the above amendments are to be provided on a scaled plan with the measurements dimensioned. The amended plan must be endorsed by the Chief Executive Officer prior to issue of a Development Permit for Operational Work.

### **Internal Work**

4. Demonstrate that a suitable manoeuvring area is provided within the driveway within proposed Lot 2 to allow full vehicle turning in this area. Where required, construct a concrete extension to the driveway on proposed Lot 2 to enable full vehicle turning in this area to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer.

### **Water Supply and Sewerage Works**

5. Undertake the following water supply and sewerage works internal to the subject land:
  - a. Cap the existing sewer service for unit 1, separate the service and provide a new service connection for Proposed lot 1.
  - b. Rectify the existing sewer service where this is in poor condition;
  - c. Isolate the existing water connections for each unit.
  - d. Provide a single internal sewer connection to each lot in accordance with the FNQROC Development Manual;

- e. Provide a single water connection to each lot in accordance with the FNQROC Development Manual;

The water supply and sewerage plans must be endorsed by the Chief Executive Officer prior to the issue of a Development Permit for Operational Work. All identified work must be satisfactorily completed prior to the endorsement of the Plan of Survey.

### **Inspection of Sewers**

6. CCTV inspections of sewers must be undertaken both prior to commencement of works on site and at works completion where works have been undertaken over or to sewers. Defects must be rectified to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer at no cost to Council prior to Commencement of Use or approval and dating of the Building Format Plan, whichever occurs first.

### **Lawful Point of Discharge**

7. All stormwater from each lot must be directed to a lawful point of discharge such that it does not adversely affect surrounding properties or properties downstream from the development to the requirements and satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer.

### **Damage to Council Infrastructure**

8. In the event that any part of Council's existing sewer / water or road infrastructure is damaged as a result of construction activities occurring on the site, including but not limited to; mobilisation of heavy construction equipment, stripping and grubbing, the applicant/owner must notify Council immediately of the affected infrastructure and have it repaired or replaced at the developer's/owners/builders cost, prior to the Commencement of Use.

### **Services Easement/s**

9. In accordance with the requirements of the FNQROC Development Manual, create Service Easements over the lots in respect to the new services required under the conditions of the approval to enable each unit to be independently services to the requirements and satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer.
  - a. The approved easement documents must be submitted at the same time as seeking approval of the Plan of Survey.
  - b. The approved easement documents must be submitted at the same time as seeking endorsement of the Survey Plan. The approved easement documents must be lodged and registered with the Department of Natural Resources in conjunction with the Plan of Survey.

### **Advices**

1. This approval, granted under the provisions of the *Planning Act 2016*, shall lapse four (4) years from the day the approval takes effect in accordance with the provisions of Section 85 of the *Planning Act 2016*.
2. This approval does not negate the requirement for compliance with all relevant Local Laws and statutory requirements.

### **Proposed Sewer Connections**

3. The additional sewer House Connection Branch (HCB) should be installed using a wang type Y junction. The junction will need to be relined by a relining contractor and evidence provided to Council. If existing property service is in poor condition, it will require rectification. Property connections need to be installed in accordance with FNQROC D7.14 and standard drawings S3005. Clearances around HCB's should be maintained in accordance with QDC MP 1.4 and/or FNQROC. HCB's are required to be finished to surface level. Note - evidence of relining of sewer/property connection is required once work is complete.

## Infrastructure Charges Notice

4. A charge levied for the supply of trunk infrastructure is payable to Council towards the provision of trunk infrastructure in accordance with the Infrastructure Charges Notice. The original Infrastructure Charges Notice will be provided under cover of a separate letter.

The amount in the Infrastructure Charges Notice has been calculated according to Council's Infrastructure Charges Resolution.

Please note that this Decision Notice and the Infrastructure Charges Notice are stand-alone documents. The *Planning Act 2016* confers rights to make representations and appeal in relation to a Decision Notice and an Infrastructure Charges Notice separately.

The amount in the Infrastructure Charges Notice is subject to index adjustments and may be different at the time of payment. Please contact the Development Assessment Team at council for review of the charge amount prior to payment.

The time when payment is due is contained in the Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notice.

5. For information relating to the *Planning Act 2016*, log on to [www.dsdmip.qld.gov.au](http://www.dsdmip.qld.gov.au) . To access the FNQROC Development Manual, Local Laws and other applicable Policies log on to [www.douglas.qld.gov.au](http://www.douglas.qld.gov.au) .

## Further Development Permits

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Please be advised that the following development permits are required to be obtained before the development can be carried out:

- All Operational Work

All Plumbing and Drainage Work must only be carried in compliance with the Queensland *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018*.

## Currency Period for the Approval

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This approval, granted under the provisions of the *Planning Act 2016*, shall lapse four (4) years from the day the approval takes effect in accordance with the provisions of Section 85 of the *Planning Act 2016*.

## Rights to make Representations & Rights of Appeal

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The rights of applicants to make representations and rights to appeal to a Tribunal or the Planning and Environment Court against decisions about a development application are set out in Chapter 6, Part 1 of the *Planning Act 2016*.

A copy of the relevant appeal provisions is attached.

Approved Drawing(s) and/or Document(s)



## Reasons for Decision

1. The reasons for this decision are:
  - a. Sections 60, 62 and 63 of the *Planning Act 2016*;
  - b. to ensure the development satisfies the benchmarks of the 2018 Douglas Shire Planning Scheme Version 1.0; and
  - c. to ensure compliance with the *Planning Act 2016*.
2. Findings on material questions of fact:
  - a. the development application was properly lodged to the Douglas Shire Council 19 June 2023 under section 51 of the *Planning Act 2016* and Part 1 of the *Development Assessment Rules*;
  - b. the development application contained information from the applicant which Council reviewed together with Council's own assessment against the 2017 State Planning Policy and the 2018 Douglas Shire Planning Scheme Version 1.0 in making its assessment manager decision.
3. Evidence or other material on which findings were based:
  - a. the development triggered assessable development under the Assessment Table associated with the Tourist Accommodation Zone Code;
  - b. Council undertook an assessment in accordance with the provisions of sections 60, 62 and 63 of the *Planning Act 2016*; and
  - c. the applicant's reasons have been considered and the following findings are made:
    - i. Subject to conditions, the development satisfactorily meets the Planning Scheme benchmarks.

## Non-Compliance with Assessment Benchmarks

Benchmark Reference		Alternative Measure/Comment
PO10	New lots contain a minimum area of 1000m <sup>2</sup> .	Despite the non-compliance with the Performance Outcomes the development satisfies the Code by meeting the following purposes:  (1) <i>The purpose of the Tourist accommodation zone code is to provide for short-term accommodation supported by community uses and small-scale services and facilities in locations where there are tourist attractions.</i>
PO11	New lots have a minimum road frontage of 20 metres.	
PO12	New lots contain a 25 metre x 20 metre rectangle.	
		(3) <i>The purpose of the code will be achieved through the following overall outcomes:</i>  (a) <i>A range of accommodation activities, with an emphasis on short-term accommodation is established at a scale and density to service tourist needs.</i>  (b) <i>Tourist development is of an appropriate scale and achieves an attractive built form which incorporates the character and natural attributes of the site and the surrounding area as integral features of the theme and design of the development.</i>



Planning Act 2016  
Chapter 3 Development assessment

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## **Division 2            Changing development approvals**

### **Subdivision 1        Changes during appeal period**

#### **74        What this subdivision is about**

- (1) This subdivision is about changing a development approval before the applicant's appeal period for the approval ends.
- (2) This subdivision also applies to an approval of a change application, other than a change application for a minor change to a development approval.
- (3) For subsection (2), sections 75 and 76 apply—
  - (a) as if a reference in section 75 to a development approval were a reference to an approval of a change application; and
  - (b) as if a reference in the sections to the assessment manager were a reference to the responsible entity; and
  - (c) as if a reference in section 76 to a development application were a reference to a change application; and
  - (d) as if the reference in section 76(3)(b) to section 63(2) and (3) were a reference to section 83(4); and
  - (e) with any other necessary changes.

#### **75        Making change representations**

- (1) The applicant may make representations (*change representations*) to the assessment manager, during the applicant's appeal period for the development approval, about changing—
  - (a) a matter in the development approval, other than—
    - (i) a matter stated because of a referral agency's response; or



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- (ii) a development condition imposed under a direction made by the Minister under chapter 3, part 6, division 2; or
  - (b) if the development approval is a deemed approval—the standard conditions taken to be included in the deemed approval under section 64(8)(c).
- (2) If the applicant needs more time to make the change representations, the applicant may, during the applicant's appeal period for the approval, suspend the appeal period by a notice given to the assessment manager.
- (3) Only 1 notice may be given.
- (4) If a notice is given, the appeal period is suspended—
- (a) if the change representations are not made within a period of 20 business days after the notice is given to the assessment manager—until the end of that period; or
  - (b) if the change representations are made within 20 business days after the notice is given to the assessment manager, until—
    - (i) the applicant withdraws the notice, by giving another notice to the assessment manager; or
    - (ii) the applicant receives notice that the assessment manager does not agree with the change representations; or
    - (iii) the end of 20 business days after the change representations are made, or a longer period agreed in writing between the applicant and the assessment manager.
- (5) However, if the assessment manager gives the applicant a negotiated decision notice, the appeal period starts again on the day after the negotiated decision notice is given.

## **76 Deciding change representations**

- (1) The assessment manager must assess the change representations against and having regard to the matters that

- must be considered when assessing a development application, to the extent those matters are relevant.
- (2) The assessment manager must, within 5 business days after deciding the change representations, give a decision notice to—
- (a) the applicant; and
  - (b) if the assessment manager agrees with any of the change representations—
    - (i) each principal submitter; and
    - (ii) each referral agency; and
    - (iii) if the assessment manager is not a local government and the development is in a local government area—the relevant local government; and
    - (iv) if the assessment manager is a chosen assessment manager—the prescribed assessment manager; and
    - (v) another person prescribed by regulation.
- (3) A decision notice (a ***negotiated decision notice***) that states the assessment manager agrees with a change representation must—
- (a) state the nature of the change agreed to; and
  - (b) comply with section 63(2) and (3).
- (4) A negotiated decision notice replaces the decision notice for the development application.
- (5) Only 1 negotiated decision notice may be given.
- (6) If a negotiated decision notice is given to an applicant, a local government may give a replacement infrastructure charges notice to the applicant.

## Chapter 6 Dispute resolution

### Part 1 Appeal rights

#### 229 Appeals to tribunal or P&E Court

- (1) Schedule 1 states—
  - (a) matters that may be appealed to—
    - (i) either a tribunal or the P&E Court; or
    - (ii) only a tribunal; or
    - (iii) only the P&E Court; and
  - (b) the person—
    - (i) who may appeal a matter (the *appellant*); and
    - (ii) who is a respondent in an appeal of the matter; and
    - (iii) who is a co-respondent in an appeal of the matter; and
    - (iv) who may elect to be a co-respondent in an appeal of the matter.
- (2) An appellant may start an appeal within the appeal period.
- (3) The *appeal period* is—
  - (a) for an appeal by a building advisory agency—10 business days after a decision notice for the decision is given to the agency; or
  - (b) for an appeal against a deemed refusal—at any time after the deemed refusal happens; or
  - (c) for an appeal against a decision of the Minister, under chapter 7, part 4, to register premises or to renew the registration of premises—20 business days after a notice is published under section 269(3)(a) or (4); or



- (d) for an appeal against an infrastructure charges notice—20 business days after the infrastructure charges notice is given to the person; or
- (e) for an appeal about a deemed approval of a development application for which a decision notice has not been given—30 business days after the applicant gives the deemed approval notice to the assessment manager; or
- (f) for an appeal relating to the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018*—
  - (i) for an appeal against an enforcement notice given because of a belief mentioned in the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018*, section 143(2)(a)(i), (b) or (c)—5 business days after the day the notice is given; or
  - (ii) for an appeal against a decision of a local government or an inspector to give an action notice under the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018*—5 business days after the notice is given; or
  - (iii) for an appeal against a failure to make a decision about an application or other matter under the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018*—at anytime after the period within which the application or matter was required to be decided ends; or
  - (iv) otherwise—20 business days after the day the notice is given; or
- (g) for any other appeal—20 business days after a notice of the decision for the matter, including an enforcement notice, is given to the person.

*Note—*

See the P&E Court Act for the court's power to extend the appeal period.

- (4) Each respondent and co-respondent for an appeal may be heard in the appeal.

- (5) If an appeal is only about a referral agency's response, the assessment manager may apply to the tribunal or P&E Court to withdraw from the appeal.
- (6) To remove any doubt, it is declared that an appeal against an infrastructure charges notice must not be about—
  - (a) the adopted charge itself; or
  - (b) for a decision about an offset or refund—
    - (i) the establishment cost of trunk infrastructure identified in a LGIP; or
    - (ii) the cost of infrastructure decided using the method included in the local government's charges resolution.

## **230 Notice of appeal**

- (1) An appellant starts an appeal by lodging, with the registrar of the tribunal or P&E Court, a notice of appeal that—
  - (a) is in the approved form; and
  - (b) succinctly states the grounds of the appeal.
- (2) The notice of appeal must be accompanied by the required fee.
- (3) The appellant or, for an appeal to a tribunal, the registrar, must, within the service period, give a copy of the notice of appeal to—
  - (a) the respondent for the appeal; and
  - (b) each co-respondent for the appeal; and
  - (c) for an appeal about a development application under schedule 1, section 1, table 1, item 1—each principal submitter for the application whose submission has not been withdrawn; and
  - (d) for an appeal about a change application under schedule 1, section 1, table 1, item 2—each principal submitter for the application whose submission has not been withdrawn; and

- (e) each person who may elect to be a co-respondent for the appeal other than an eligible submitter for a development application or change application the subject of the appeal; and
  - (f) for an appeal to the P&E Court—the chief executive; and
  - (g) for an appeal to a tribunal under another Act—any other person who the registrar considers appropriate.
- (4) The *service period* is—
  - (a) if a submitter or advice agency started the appeal in the P&E Court—2 business days after the appeal is started; or
  - (b) otherwise—10 business days after the appeal is started.
- (5) A notice of appeal given to a person who may elect to be a co-respondent must state the effect of subsection (6).
- (6) A person elects to be a co-respondent to an appeal by filing a notice of election in the approved form—
  - (a) if a copy of the notice of appeal is given to the person—within 10 business days after the copy is given to the person; or
  - (b) otherwise—within 15 business days after the notice of appeal is lodged with the registrar of the tribunal or the P&E Court.
- (7) Despite any other Act or rules of court to the contrary, a copy of a notice of appeal may be given to the chief executive by emailing the copy to the chief executive at the email address stated on the department's website for this purpose.

## **231 Non-appealable decisions and matters**

- (1) Subject to this chapter, section 316(2), schedule 1 and the P&E Court Act, unless the Supreme Court decides a decision or other matter under this Act is affected by jurisdictional error, the decision or matter is non-appealable.



- (2) The *Judicial Review Act 1991*, part 5 applies to the decision or matter to the extent it is affected by jurisdictional error.
- (3) A person who, but for subsection (1) could have made an application under the *Judicial Review Act 1991* in relation to the decision or matter, may apply under part 4 of that Act for a statement of reasons in relation to the decision or matter.
- (4) In this section—  
**decision** includes—
  - (a) conduct engaged in for the purpose of making a decision; and
  - (b) other conduct that relates to the making of a decision; and
  - (c) the making of a decision or the failure to make a decision; and
  - (d) a purported decision; and
  - (e) a deemed refusal.**non-appealable**, for a decision or matter, means the decision or matter—
  - (a) is final and conclusive; and
  - (b) may not be challenged, appealed against, reviewed, quashed, set aside or called into question in any other way under the *Judicial Review Act 1991* or otherwise, whether by the Supreme Court, another court, any tribunal or another entity; and
  - (c) is not subject to any declaratory, injunctive or other order of the Supreme Court, another court, any tribunal or another entity on any ground.

## 232 Rules of the P&E Court

- (1) A person who is appealing to the P&E Court must comply with the rules of the court that apply to the appeal.
- (2) However, the P&E Court may hear and decide an appeal even if the person has not complied with rules of the P&E Court.



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Attention Ms Stacey Devaney & Mr Patrick Clifton

Dear Sir/Madam

**Adopted Infrastructure Charge Notice  
For Development Application Reconfiguring a Lot  
(One lot into two lots and access easement)  
At 133 Davidson Street Port Douglas  
On Land Described as Lot 3 on RP: 728667**

Please find attached the Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notice issued in accordance with section 119 of the *Planning Act 2016*.

The amount in the Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notice has been calculated according to Council's Adopted Infrastructure Charges Resolution.

Please also find attached extracts from the Act regarding the following:

- your right to make representations to Council about the Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notice; and
- your Appeal rights with respect to the Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notice.

Please quote Council's application number: ROL 2023\_5442 in all subsequent correspondence relating to this matter.

Should you require any clarification regarding this, please contact Jenny Elphinstone on telephone 07 4099 9444.

Yours faithfully



**For**  
**Paul Hoyer**  
**Manager Environment & Planning**

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- Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notice
- Rights to Make Representations and Appeals Regarding Infrastructure Charges

## Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notice



2018 Douglas Shire Planning Scheme version 1.0 Applications

### ADOPTED INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGES NOTICE

<b>RPS Prelodgement</b>		<b>NA</b>	<b>0</b>
DEVELOPERS NAME		ESTATE NAME	STAGE
<b>133 Davidson Street</b>		<b>L3 on RP728667</b>	<b>1655</b>
STREET No. & NAME		LOT & RP No.s	PARCEL No.
<b>ROL</b>		<b>Prelodgement</b>	<b>6</b>
DEVELOPMENT TYPE		COUNCIL FILE NO.	VALIDITY PERIOD (year)
<b>1163982</b>		<b>Payment before commencement of use for MCU; and Prior to signing and sealing of survey form for ROL</b>	
DSC Reference Doc. No.		VERSION No.	
<b>1</b>			

Infrastructure Charges as resolved by Council at the Ordinary Meeting held on 23 February 2021 (Came into effect on 1 March 2021)

Proposed Demand	Charge per Use	\$ Rate	Floor area/No.	Amount	Amount Paid	Receipt Code & GL Code
Residential Residential Lots	\$_per_3_or_more_bedroom_dwelling	25,314.98	2	\$50,629.96		
Total Demand				<b>\$50,629.96</b>		
Credit						
Existing land use						
Residential Dual occupancy	\$_per_2_bedroom_dwelling	20,795.09	1	\$20,795.09		
Residential Dual Occupancy	\$_per_3_or_more_bedroom_dwelling	25,314.98	1	\$25,314.98		
Total Credit				<b>\$46,110.07</b>		
						Prior arrangement for online payment via invoicing - see below.
						Code 895 GL GL7500.135.825

Required Payment or Credit **TOTAL** **\$4,519.89**

Prepared by	<b>J Elphinstone</b>	<b>15-Jun-23</b>	Amount Paid	
Checked by	<b>R Taranto</b>	<b>22-Jun-23</b>	Date Paid	
Date Payable	ROL - Before the Local Government approves the plan of subdivision		Receipt No.	
Amendments		Date	Cashier	

#### Note:

The Infrastructure Charges in this Notice are payable in accordance with Sections 119 and 120 of the *Planning Act 2016* as from Council's resolution from the Ordinary Meeting held on 23 February 2021.

Charge rates under the Policy are subject to indexing.

Any Infrastructure Agreement for trunk works must be determined and agreed to prior to issue of Development Permit for Operational Work.

Charges are payable to: Douglas Shire Council. You can make payment at any of Council's Business Offices or by mail with your cheque or money order to Douglas Shire Council, PO Box 723, Mossman QLD 4873. Cheques must be made payable to Douglas Shire Council and marked 'Not Negotiable.' Acceptance of a cheque is subject to collection of the proceeds. Post dated cheques will not be accepted.

If you seek to pay online, please request an invoice to be issued via [enquiries@douglas.qld.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@douglas.qld.gov.au)

Any enquiries regarding Infrastructure Charges can be directed to the Development & Environment, Douglas Shire Council on 07 4099 9444 or by email on [enquiries@douglas.qld.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@douglas.qld.gov.au)

## **Subdivision 5      Changing charges during relevant appeal period**

### **124      Application of this subdivision**

This subdivision applies to the recipient of an infrastructure charges notice given by a local government.

### **125      Representations about infrastructure charges notice**

- (1) During the appeal period for the infrastructure charges notice, the recipient may make representations to the local government about the infrastructure charges notice.
- (2) The local government must consider the representations.
- (3) If the local government—
  - (a) agrees with a representation; and
  - (b) decides to change the infrastructure charges notice;the local government must, within 10 business days after making the decision, give a new infrastructure charges notice (a *negotiated notice*) to the recipient.
- (4) The local government may give only 1 negotiated notice.
- (5) A negotiated notice—
  - (a) must be in the same form as the infrastructure charges notice; and
  - (b) must state the nature of the changes; and
  - (c) replaces the infrastructure charges notice.
- (6) If the local government does not agree with any of the representations, the local government must, within 10 business days after making the decision, give a decision notice about the decision to the recipient.
- (7) The appeal period for the infrastructure charges notice starts again when the local government gives the decision notice to the recipient.

## **126 Suspending relevant appeal period**

- (1) If the recipient needs more time to make representations, the recipient may give a notice suspending the relevant appeal period to the local government.
- (2) The recipient may give only 1 notice.
- (3) If the representations are not made within 20 business days after the notice is given, the balance of the relevant appeal period restarts.
- (4) If representations are made within the 20 business days and the recipient gives the local government a notice withdrawing the notice of suspension, the balance of the relevant appeal period restarts the day after the local government receives the notice of withdrawal.

## **Division 3 Development approval conditions about trunk infrastructure**

### **Subdivision 1 Conditions for necessary trunk infrastructure**

#### **127 Application and operation of subdivision**

- (1) This subdivision applies if—
  - (a) trunk infrastructure—
    - (i) has not been provided; or
    - (ii) has been provided but is not adequate; and
  - (b) the trunk infrastructure is or will be located on—
    - (i) premises (the *subject premises*) that are the subject of a development application, whether or not the infrastructure is necessary to service the subject premises; or
    - (ii) other premises, but is necessary to service the subject premises.

## Chapter 6 Dispute resolution

### Part 1 Appeal rights

#### 229 Appeals to tribunal or P&E Court

- (1) Schedule 1 states—
  - (a) matters that may be appealed to—
    - (i) either a tribunal or the P&E Court; or
    - (ii) only a tribunal; or
    - (iii) only the P&E Court; and
  - (b) the person—
    - (i) who may appeal a matter (the *appellant*); and
    - (ii) who is a respondent in an appeal of the matter; and
    - (iii) who is a co-respondent in an appeal of the matter; and
    - (iv) who may elect to be a co-respondent in an appeal of the matter.
- (2) An appellant may start an appeal within the appeal period.
- (3) The *appeal period* is—
  - (a) for an appeal by a building advisory agency—10 business days after a decision notice for the decision is given to the agency; or
  - (b) for an appeal against a deemed refusal—at any time after the deemed refusal happens; or
  - (c) for an appeal against a decision of the Minister, under chapter 7, part 4, to register premises or to renew the registration of premises—20 business days after a notice is published under section 269(3)(a) or (4); or



- (d) for an appeal against an infrastructure charges notice—20 business days after the infrastructure charges notice is given to the person; or
- (e) for an appeal about a deemed approval of a development application for which a decision notice has not been given—30 business days after the applicant gives the deemed approval notice to the assessment manager; or
- (f) for an appeal relating to the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018*—
  - (i) for an appeal against an enforcement notice given because of a belief mentioned in the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018*, section 143(2)(a)(i), (b) or (c)—5 business days after the day the notice is given; or
  - (ii) for an appeal against a decision of a local government or an inspector to give an action notice under the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018*—5 business days after the notice is given; or
  - (iii) for an appeal against a failure to make a decision about an application or other matter under the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018*—at anytime after the period within which the application or matter was required to be decided ends; or
  - (iv) otherwise—20 business days after the day the notice is given; or
- (g) for any other appeal—20 business days after a notice of the decision for the matter, including an enforcement notice, is given to the person.

*Note—*

See the P&E Court Act for the court's power to extend the appeal period.

- (4) Each respondent and co-respondent for an appeal may be heard in the appeal.

- (5) If an appeal is only about a referral agency's response, the assessment manager may apply to the tribunal or P&E Court to withdraw from the appeal.
- (6) To remove any doubt, it is declared that an appeal against an infrastructure charges notice must not be about—
  - (a) the adopted charge itself; or
  - (b) for a decision about an offset or refund—
    - (i) the establishment cost of trunk infrastructure identified in a LGIP; or
    - (ii) the cost of infrastructure decided using the method included in the local government's charges resolution.

## **230 Notice of appeal**

- (1) An appellant starts an appeal by lodging, with the registrar of the tribunal or P&E Court, a notice of appeal that—
  - (a) is in the approved form; and
  - (b) succinctly states the grounds of the appeal.
- (2) The notice of appeal must be accompanied by the required fee.
- (3) The appellant or, for an appeal to a tribunal, the registrar, must, within the service period, give a copy of the notice of appeal to—
  - (a) the respondent for the appeal; and
  - (b) each co-respondent for the appeal; and
  - (c) for an appeal about a development application under schedule 1, section 1, table 1, item 1—each principal submitter for the application whose submission has not been withdrawn; and
  - (d) for an appeal about a change application under schedule 1, section 1, table 1, item 2—each principal submitter for the application whose submission has not been withdrawn; and



- (e) each person who may elect to be a co-respondent for the appeal other than an eligible submitter for a development application or change application the subject of the appeal; and
  - (f) for an appeal to the P&E Court—the chief executive; and
  - (g) for an appeal to a tribunal under another Act—any other person who the registrar considers appropriate.
- (4) The *service period* is—
  - (a) if a submitter or advice agency started the appeal in the P&E Court—2 business days after the appeal is started; or
  - (b) otherwise—10 business days after the appeal is started.
- (5) A notice of appeal given to a person who may elect to be a co-respondent must state the effect of subsection (6).
- (6) A person elects to be a co-respondent to an appeal by filing a notice of election in the approved form—
  - (a) if a copy of the notice of appeal is given to the person—within 10 business days after the copy is given to the person; or
  - (b) otherwise—within 15 business days after the notice of appeal is lodged with the registrar of the tribunal or the P&E Court.
- (7) Despite any other Act or rules of court to the contrary, a copy of a notice of appeal may be given to the chief executive by emailing the copy to the chief executive at the email address stated on the department's website for this purpose.

## **231 Non-appealable decisions and matters**

- (1) Subject to this chapter, section 316(2), schedule 1 and the P&E Court Act, unless the Supreme Court decides a decision or other matter under this Act is affected by jurisdictional error, the decision or matter is non-appealable.

- (2) The *Judicial Review Act 1991*, part 5 applies to the decision or matter to the extent it is affected by jurisdictional error.
- (3) A person who, but for subsection (1) could have made an application under the *Judicial Review Act 1991* in relation to the decision or matter, may apply under part 4 of that Act for a statement of reasons in relation to the decision or matter.
- (4) In this section—  
**decision** includes—
  - (a) conduct engaged in for the purpose of making a decision; and
  - (b) other conduct that relates to the making of a decision; and
  - (c) the making of a decision or the failure to make a decision; and
  - (d) a purported decision; and
  - (e) a deemed refusal.**non-appealable**, for a decision or matter, means the decision or matter—
  - (a) is final and conclusive; and
  - (b) may not be challenged, appealed against, reviewed, quashed, set aside or called into question in any other way under the *Judicial Review Act 1991* or otherwise, whether by the Supreme Court, another court, any tribunal or another entity; and
  - (c) is not subject to any declaratory, injunctive or other order of the Supreme Court, another court, any tribunal or another entity on any ground.

## 232 Rules of the P&E Court

- (1) A person who is appealing to the P&E Court must comply with the rules of the court that apply to the appeal.
- (2) However, the P&E Court may hear and decide an appeal even if the person has not complied with rules of the P&E Court.

