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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **CLARITY FOR COUNCILS AND DEVELOPERS ON CONTRIBUTIONS**

Planning for more than 6,000 housing lots is expected to resume following the NSW Government's decision to outline which councils across NSW are eligible to apply infrastructure levies of up to \$30,000 per lot.

Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, said following the announcement of the revised contributions arrangements on August 31, 30 councils nominated areas to be considered under the new system, 24 were successful.

Those successful were:

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| Bathurst      | Greater Taree | Liverpool    | Port       | Tweed |
| Blacktown     | Hawkesbury    | Maitland     | Macquarie- | Wyong |
| Camden        | Holroyd       | Marrickville | Hastings   | Yass  |
| Campbelltown  | Ku-ring-gai   | Palerang     | Queanbeyan |       |
| Coffs Harbour | Lake          | Penrith      | Shoalhaven |       |
| Eurobodalla   | Macquarie     | Pittwater    | The Hills  |       |

"A total of 49 release (greenfield) areas, in a number of western Sydney and coastal and regional councils, can now access the \$30,000 per dwelling cap," the Minister said.

"A further 47 areas were able to continue using the existing contribution plans which exceeded the relevant cap (\$20,000 in the case of infill development areas and \$30,000 in the case of greenfield areas).

"This is because development applications for more than 25 per cent of the expected number of lots in these areas had already been lodged, indicating existing commitments have already been made in these areas by both councils and developers.

"Four applications were refused because they did not fit the above tests.

"Twenty-eight areas were not approved for the Greenfield cap at this time mainly because the plans were either not yet available or only in draft stage. As plans are finalised, councils will have the opportunity to nominate these under the new system.

"For example, the Illawarra's West Dapto release area was not approved at this stage simply because it was a draft contributions plan, however it is likely to be considered a greenfield site when a final plan is lodged."

Mr Kelly said today's announcement gives greater certainty to landowners, local government and industry about the level of development contributions and will this help get housing development moving in NSW.

"This is a fine-tuning of development contributions arrangements which does not affect the vast majority of local councils or landowners," the Minister said.

"In Western Sydney alone, this is expected to result in councils proceeding with decisions on at least 1,700 new housing lots."