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**Exhibition extended on proposed Lower Hunter infrastructure funding plan**

The public has been given an extra four weeks to comment on a plan that will streamline the method by which developers help fund regional infrastructure to support greenfield development in the Lower Hunter.

Submissions on the proposed special infrastructure contribution will now be accepted until March 25. The exhibition period had been due to end today.

The NSW Government is proposing to introduce a uniform special infrastructure contribution scheme to replace the current process where contributions are negotiated with developers on a site-by-site basis.

The extension will give stakeholders extra time to consider and comment on additional information published on the Department’s website, which details information relating to State and regional road upgrades that the contribution will help to fund.

This information identifies the proportion of those costs attributed to greenfield development that will be funded through the special infrastructure contribution.

The proposed uniform special infrastructure contribution scheme would apply to some 69 identified urban land release areas across Cessnock, Maitland, Port Stephens, Newcastle and Lake Macquarie local government areas.

Information on the proposed contributions framework is available by following the links to the ‘On exhibition’ page at [www.planning.nsw.gov.au](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au)

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