

Response to Newcastle Herald regarding green paper infrastructure funding issues

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The Department does not intend to leave councils with an infrastructure 'funding gap' as a result of the planning system reforms.

But it is seeking feedback on how this funding should occur.

The green paper states that, in the past, far too much of the burden of funding infrastructure has been placed on individual developments, which has made housing less affordable.

Instead, the green paper includes a number of broad principles and suggestions for a fairer and simpler system.

These principles and suggestions are based on the concept that the cost of new infrastructure and services should, wherever possible, be shared by those who will benefit from them (which has not always happened to date).

The NSW Government is establishing a task force with local government to work through these issues together.