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FUNDING TO HELP BOOST HOUSING SUPPLY

The NSW Government will extend financial assistance to councils to help deliver essential infrastructure required to support new housing.

“It is vital that the NSW Government ensures the levies paid by developers are not so high that they push the dream of owning a home beyond the reach of families,” Minister for Planning and Infrastructure Brad Hazzard said.

Currently the local developer contributions, or Section 94 levies, which can be charged by councils are capped at \$30,000 per residential lot for greenfield areas and \$20,000 per residential lot in established suburbs.

The NSW Government will continue to provide for councils where the cost of delivering essential infrastructure is greater than the amount they can collect from Section 94 levies.

“Already \$18 million dollars has been provided to Blacktown and Hills Shire Councils to help cover the shortfall in infrastructure funding,” Mr Hazzard said.

“The assistance is the latest initiative funded as part of the \$481 million Housing Acceleration Fund announced in June’s State Budget to drive housing production across NSW.”

To be eligible for this funding, councils must apply to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) which determines if the cost of delivering the essential infrastructure is greater than the cap.

IPART has reviewed three development areas where the developer contribution was found to exceed the cap – the Riverstone development in the Blacktown Council area and the Balmoral Road and North Kellyville developments in Hills Shire Council.

“The Government is committed to working in partnership with councils to facilitate housing for communities across NSW,” Mr Hazzard said.

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