



CAIRNS PLAN 2016

Infrastructure Charges

What are Infrastructure Charges?

Infrastructure charges are charges that are levied by Council onto developments that increase the demand on trunk infrastructure networks. Council collects contributions from those developers towards the provision of necessary infrastructure.

What is the purpose of Infrastructure Charges?

Infrastructure charges contribute to the provision of essential trunk infrastructure to support new development. Trunk infrastructure is significant infrastructure that supports large areas or catchments, such as major stormwater pipes for an entire neighbourhood.

Will I have to pay Infrastructure Charges?

Not all development will be required to pay Infrastructure Charges, for example a Home based business does not incur Infrastructure Charges. Development that introduces extra demand on Council's trunk infrastructure networks will usually incur an infrastructure charge.

Infrastructure charges that are being levied against a development will be issued within an Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notice at about the same time as the issue of a Development Permit for either an application for Material Change of Use or Reconfiguration of a Lot, or at about the same time as the issue of a Building Works Permit for an application for Building works. Infrastructure charges are not linked to the level of assessment so they may be payable for Self-assessable development.

How are Infrastructure Charges calculated?

Infrastructure charges are calculated for each development and are calculated in accordance with Council's Adopted Infrastructure Charges Resolution 2015.

The Adopted Infrastructure Charges Resolution considers assumptions and projections of the type, scale, location and timing of development, in the context of the corresponding demand that will be generated for each trunk infrastructure network and provides a methodology for apportioning this cost to development.

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