



CAIRNS PLAN 2016

Infrastructure Charges

What are Infrastructure Charges?

Infrastructure charges are charges that are levied by Council upon development that increases the demand on trunk infrastructure networks.

What is the purpose of Infrastructure Charges?

Infrastructure charges contribute towards the provision of the following trunk infrastructure that supports the growth and development of our Region: water supply, wastewater, stormwater, transport and public parks and land for community facilities.

Trunk infrastructure is significant infrastructure that support large areas or catchments, such as water treatment plants and major reticulation networks.

Councils Local Government infrastructure Plan (LGIP) contains Plans for Trunk Infrastructure which detail the future trunk infrastructure for the Region.

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 results in additional 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 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.

How are Infrastructure Charges calculated?

Infrastructure charges are calculated in accordance with Council's Infrastructure Charges Resolution (No.2) 2017. The charges are calculated using the rates included in the Resolution for particular development type in a particular location and maybe reduced by credit given to existing uses.

The charges calculated under the resolution are less than the maximum adopted charge rates Council are able to levy as prescribed by the State Government.

For more information

Councils Infrastructure Charges Resolution (No.2) 2017 and Local Government Infrastructure Plan can be found on Councils website.

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