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**Subject: Targeted review of stormwater and soil disposal costs in Riverstone and Alex Avenue Precincts**

Dear Mr Robinson

I am writing in relation to the stormwater and soil disposal costs for 5 priority basins in the local infrastructure contributions plan for Riverstone and Alex Avenue Precincts. Blacktown City Council submitted to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for targeted assessment, which has now been completed.

As nominee for the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, I have considered IPART's advice and have accepted it with minor amendment. Details are set out in the table in **Attachment A**, which identifies amendments required to the plan prior to its implementation.

Once the amendments required by **Attachment A** have been made and the Council has finalised the plan, it will meet the requirements of an IPART reviewed contributions plan within the meaning of clause 5(3) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment (Local Infrastructure Contributions) Direction 2012*.

I note that the increased costs have not been subject to public exhibition by the Council but were exhibited by IPART as part of their review. The Council must satisfy itself that it has met the requirements of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2021* regarding public consultation for this matter.

I would be grateful if you could advise the Department once the Council has completed the amendment required, including providing evidence that the changes have been made via email to [infrastructure.contributions@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:infrastructure.contributions@planning.nsw.gov.au).

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, please contact Ms Katrine O'Flaherty, Director Local Infrastructure Funding Policy at the department on 0436 679 085.

Yours sincerely,



**Monica Gibson**  
Acting Deputy Secretary  
Planning, Land Use Strategy, Housing and Infrastructure

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Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

Attachment A

		Minister's nominee direction	Comments
1	The council's proposed revised costs for the priority stormwater basins and associated soil disposal costs are reasonable.	<p><b>Finding accepted with changes.</b></p> <p>Blacktown City Council must update the costs for the priority stormwater basins and associated soil disposal costs as detailed in Section 2.3 in IPART's Final Report.</p> <p>As all other <i>Section 7.11 Contributions Plans - Riverstone and Alex Avenue Precincts</i> values are expressed in \$2015, Council must de-escalate the updated costing to \$2015.</p>	Minor amendment to the Plan required