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Dear Mayor

INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTION PLAN - COMMUNITY AND RECREATION CONSTRUCTION LEVY

Thank you for your letter of 11 July 2018 expressing concern that the Infrastructure Contributions Plan (ICP) system is not collecting sufficient money to pay for the construction of essential and basic community and recreation infrastructure.

The new ICP system is intended to ensure that development makes an appropriate contribution to the provision of basic and essential infrastructure.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and the Victoria Planning Authority (VPA) are currently monitoring the implementation of the new system. As part of this, the VPA is currently preparing a set of standardised 'benchmark costs' to estimate the costs for infrastructure items that may be funded by the ICP system and is also undertaking a study to determine the population density of new greenfield suburbs and its effects on the provision of community and recreation infrastructure. The results of these two pieces of work will help inform any adjustments required to the standard levies. Any review of the standard levies will involve consultation with the growth area councils and the development industry.

The VPA is currently seeking feedback from councils and the development industry on the draft benchmark infrastructure cost estimates, a copy of which is available on the VPA website.

I look forward to your council's continued involvement in helping improve the ICP system.

If you have any queries regarding the ICP system, please contact Andrew Gear, Executive Director, Planning and Heritage, DELWP on (03) 8392 5413.

Yours sincerely

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