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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 1 March 2022 regarding petition 3672-21 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 22 February 2022 about drainage issues in Hemmant.

Under Queensland's planning and infrastructure charging framework (the framework), local governments can seek developer contributions towards the delivery of trunk infrastructure, including but not limited to, stormwater infrastructure. The developer contributions are based on the anticipated demand the development will place on the local government's current and future infrastructure networks.

The framework is a partial cost recovery model with the relevant local governments still expected to be responsible for paying for and providing the necessary trunk infrastructure to support the development. The developer contributions are intended to contribute to the local government's funds available to deliver the infrastructure. Other avenues local governments can use to fund infrastructure include, but are not limited to, rates and government grants.

Local governments are also responsible for funding the operation and maintenance of trunk infrastructure, not just the delivery. The totality of funding available to deliver and maintain different infrastructure components across catchments needs to be considered in a local government's financial sustainability obligations. These ongoing operation and maintenance costs, in combination with a local government's financial sustainability, are considered when determining what and when infrastructure can be funded.

I understand that regular reporting to identify infrastructure spending and delivery helps the state and local governments and industry to better understand and inform infrastructure decision making.

I can advise that in 2019, the Planning Regulation 2017 (the Planning Regulation) was amended to require local governments to provide regular reports on the expenditure and location of trunk infrastructure delivered on their websites. From 1 January 2020, local governments have been required to publish a suite of transparent infrastructure charging and spending information on their website.

In late 2020, the re-elected Palaszczuk Government committed to 'monitor the online publication of the local government infrastructure charges register, infrastructure charges notices and records of spending on infrastructure and review the outcomes in consultation with local governments and the Local Government Association of Queensland.'

While local governments have had approximately 24 months to publish the information against the requirements set out in the Planning Regulation, it is understood that some local governments have been affected by COVID-19 during this time which may have delayed their response to these requirements.

In line with government expectations, the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning will continue to monitor the online publication and reporting requirements of local government infrastructure charges to inform any potential amendments to the framework to better support decision making.

As the responsible planning authority, in this case the Brisbane City Council, it is appropriate that the principal petitioner liaises with the council about this matter as it relates directly to local government infrastructure and its financial sustainability.

I would like to thank the petitioners for raising this matter with me and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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