



Mr Michael Edgar
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Dear Mr Edgar

I am writing in relation to Council's request to place on public exhibition the draft *Section 7.12 Contributions Plan – Norwest Innovation Precinct* (the Plan), which proposes an increased levy of more than 1% on the cost of development.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the Department) supports the public exhibition of the draft Plan as per the requirements of the Gateway determination for the Circa Commercial Precinct planning proposal (PP_2020_THILL_003_00).

Following public exhibition, the Department will consider submissions received by Council and Council's response to the Section 7.12 Practice Note criteria for increasing the levy to 2.8% on the cost of development when considering its recommendation to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces in relation to the regulation amendment.

Should you have any questions in relation to this matter, please contact Mr Geoff Thompson, Director, Infrastructure Programs and Coordination at the Department, on 9274 6235.

Yours sincerely

6 April 2021

Brett Whitworth
Deputy Secretary
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