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# Amendments to Local Infrastructure Contributions Practice Note

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## Overview of the amendments

The purpose of this circular is to advise councils of amendments to the *Local Infrastructure Contributions Practice Note* to clarify when a development contributions plan may be adopted by a council.

The amended Practice Note clarifies that the timing of adoption of a contributions plan is a matter for the council, having regard to the relevant legislation and *Development Contributions Practice Notes – July 2005*. The 2005 Practice Notes will continue to apply concurrently with the *Local Infrastructure Contributions Practice Note*.

The changes to the *Local Infrastructure Contributions Practice Note* include:

- Additional guidance to assist councils in determining the appropriate time to adopt a contributions plans when review by the Independent Regulatory and Pricing Tribunal (IPART) is required.
- References to the contributions caps updated to reflect changes resulting from the removal of the cap from 1 July 2020.
- Administrative changes such as updating EP&A Act references to reflect the amended Act numbering system.

## Background

The 2005 Practice Notes set out requirements for preparing, making and administering contributions plans.

When a contributions plan proposes rates exceeding the threshold of \$20,000 per lot/dwelling or \$30,000 for urban release areas, the *Local Infrastructure Contributions Practice Note* also applies. It provides guidance to councils and IPART on the process for

assessing contributions plans with rates above the relevant threshold amount.

However, the advice provided in the *Local Infrastructure Contributions Practice Note* on the timing of adoption of a contributions plan may have been interpreted as being contradictory to the 2005 Practice Note.

The *Local Infrastructure Contributions Practice Note* has been amended to provided clarification on this matter.

## Further Information

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