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# Overview and background

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These guidelines give eligible applicants an overview of the nomination and assessment process for Round 6 of the Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program. This includes the information you need to nominate a project.

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The Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program has invested \$458 million in 41 projects to date, using contributions collected from developers. The long-term funding stream provided by the program has supported the release of new housing and employment lands in Western Sydney.

Round 6 of the funding program will help deliver infrastructure in the Western Sydney Growth Areas, where the contributions are collected. It will do this by competitively disbursing funds to projects that eligible councils and state agencies nominate.

The NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure collects Special Infrastructure Contributions. The Department prioritises and disburses these contributions from developers to eligible councils and state agencies, using a competitive process to disburse the funds.

Round 6 of the funding program builds on the success of the 5 earlier rounds and complements other infrastructure grant programs that support homes, jobs and communities.

Round 6 of the funding program provides up to \$75 million in infrastructure grants to eligible councils and state agencies. Its aim is to support infrastructure delivery in the Western Sydney Growth Areas Special Contributions Area.

This will be the final grant funding round for the Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program, which has been replaced by the Housing and Productivity Contribution. The Department welcomes eligible councils and state agencies to nominate infrastructure projects in this final funding round before the transition to the Housing and Productivity Contribution in 2026.

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## About the funding program

A Special Infrastructure Contribution is determined under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. Developers pay a Special Infrastructure Contribution within a defined special contributions area.

It is one way the NSW Government ensures funding is available in growth areas to support key state and regional infrastructure such as state and regional roads, open space, schools and health facilities.

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## Program objectives

The objectives of Round 6 of the Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program are to:

1. partner with councils and state agencies to deliver growth-related infrastructure
2. provide funding for the planning and delivery of infrastructure that supports housing growth within the Western Sydney Growth Areas
3. enhance the infrastructure pipeline before the Housing and Productivity Contribution transition in 2026–27.

# Round 6 funding and eligibility

For this round, the Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program will provide up to \$75 million in funds to support the delivery of infrastructure in the Western Sydney Growth Areas Special Contributions Area (see Figure 1).



Figure 1. Map of the Western Sydney Growth Areas Special Contributions Area

## Multiple applications

The Department may revise the funding round allocation in future years, depending on the actual contributions collected. We will give high-ranking reserve projects priority to receive any new uncommitted funds. Because of this, we strongly encourage you to submit multiple applications (up to a maximum of 5) for this final round of the Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program.

## Eligible applicants

The following applicants are eligible to submit nominations for funding under Round 6 of the Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program:

- NSW Government agencies with projects within the Western Sydney Growth Areas Special Contributions Area
- local councils within the Western Sydney Growth Areas Special Contributions Area
- Planning Ministerial Corporation (an entity within Property and Development NSW).

Table 1 shows eligible applicants.

Table 1. Eligible applicants for Round 6 funding

NSW Government agencies	Local government (Western Sydney Growth Areas)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Department of Communities and Justice</li><li>• Fire and Rescue NSW</li><li>• NSW Department of Education – School Infrastructure</li><li>• NSW Health:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– NSW Ambulance</li><li>– Health Infrastructure NSW</li></ul></li><li>• NSW Police</li><li>• Property and Development NSW – Planning Ministerial Corporation</li><li>• Transport for NSW</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Blacktown City Council</li><li>• Camden Council</li><li>• Campbelltown City Council</li><li>• Hawkesbury City Council</li><li>• The Hills Shire Council</li><li>• Liverpool City Council</li></ul>

## Endorsements

Sub-agencies must provide evidence that their portfolio agency endorses their application and submit this with the application. Councils must submit a letter of support from an authorised delegate with their application, including confirmation that any project co-funding is secured.

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## Project categories

Table 2 shows project categories and example project types for Round 6 of the Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program. Construction projects are highly desirable.

Table 2. Project categories for Round 6

Project categories	Funding target	Examples
Construction and land acquisition	90%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regional roads, intersections and bridges</li><li>• Public transport infrastructure</li><li>• Emergency services and justice*</li><li>• Health*</li><li>• Education*</li><li>• Regional open space and biodiversity*</li></ul>
Planning and design	10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Concept and detailed design</li><li>• Strategic business case</li><li>• Final business case</li></ul>

\*Applicants can only submit land acquisition nominations for these types of projects.

Funding targets for the project categories are set at 90% for construction and land acquisition, and 10% for planning and design projects, which means that there will be a strong preference for construction and delivery projects. In the planning and design category, final business cases will be prioritised over strategic business cases.

Funding targets for the project categories may change, based on:

- the scale and scope of applications received
- assessment findings
- the final investment recommendations that the Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program team makes to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces through the governance process for the Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program.



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## Eligible infrastructure

Applicants should nominate infrastructure projects that show the ability to support new housing. Each eligible organisation can submit a maximum of 5 applications. This is to ensure that the projects are of strategic importance to eligible organisations. Refer to Table 3 for eligible infrastructure types and funding categories.

Table 3. Eligible infrastructure and funding categories for Round 6

Infrastructure type	Land acquisition	Planning and design	Construction
Regional roads, intersections and bridges	Yes	Yes	Yes
Public transport infrastructure	Yes	Yes	Yes
Emergency services and justice	Yes	No	No
Health	Yes	No	No
Education	Yes	No	No
Regional open space and biodiversity	Yes	No	No

All infrastructure projects identified in the Western Sydney Growth Areas Special Infrastructure Contribution Determination 2011 and the proposed North West Growth Area Special Infrastructure Contribution 2018 are eligible for this funding round.

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## New projects (non-Special Infrastructure Contributions projects)

You can submit applications for new projects not identified in the Western Sydney Growth Areas Special Infrastructure Contribution Determination 2011 or the proposed North West Growth Area Special Infrastructure Contribution 2018. This is because some projects identified in the Western Sydney Growth Areas Special Infrastructure Contribution Determination 2011 and proposed North West Growth Area Special Infrastructure Contribution 2018 may have been delivered or are no longer a strategic priority for councils or agencies.

New projects must be within the Western Sydney Growth Areas Special Contributions Area. They must be of a similar scale and nature to infrastructure listed on the Western Sydney Growth Areas Special Infrastructure Contribution Determination 2011 and proposed North West Special Infrastructure Contribution 2018.

All new projects must meet the eligibility criteria as detailed in **Attachment A**.

### Check the eligibility of your project

We strongly encourage you to contact the Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program team to discuss if the proposed new project is eligible. Please email [sic.program@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sic.program@dpi.nsw.gov.au) with any enquiries about new projects.

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## Mandatory criteria

For Round 6, the nominated project must meet the following mandatory criteria:

- The project must show how it supports new housing.
- The funding requested must fall within the range of \$2 million to \$10 million. Note that grants are GST exclusive.
- Construction projects must be completed within 4 years by 30 June 2029.
- The applicant must own the land for construction projects.
- Land acquisition projects must be completed within 4 years by 30 June 2029.
- Planning and design projects must be completed within 3 years by 30 June 2028.
- The project must be within the Western Sydney Growth Areas Special Contributions Area.
- The application form must be complete, and all mandatory attachments included.

The project team will decide if an application meets the criteria. Based on the success of earlier rounds, the allocation of up to \$75 million will likely be oversubscribed. Because of this, it is likely that poor-quality nominations will not meet the mandatory criteria.

Projects that do not meet the mandatory criteria will not progress further in the assessment process.

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## Exclusions

The following are out of scope and not eligible for funding under the Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program:

- operational expenditure associated with the project once delivered
- infrastructure already fully funded by local, state or federal government
- infrastructure outside the Western Sydney Growth Areas Special Contributions Area<sup>1</sup>
- community consultation expenditure
- costs associated with legal matters for the project
- costs associated with iNSW Gateway assurance review
- any expenses not expressly identified in the scope of the funding agreement
- expenditure above the agreed funding amount
- expenditure incurred before the announcement that the project has been funded
- administrative infrastructure, including computers, mobile phones, software or hardware
- payment of salaries for existing staff or staff not involved in the project
- administrative overhead items such as office equipment, vehicles or mobile capital equipment (for example, earthmoving equipment and trucks)
- ancillary projects identified after funding was approved.

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## Co-contributions

Co-contributions are not mandatory. However, the Department encourages applicants to commit funding towards the project. The Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program team will use a Rapid Cost-Benefit Analysis model as part of the assessment process (See Stage 3: Economic assessment). A project with a co-contribution will likely rank higher than one without a co-contribution.

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<sup>1</sup> Land acquisition items for conservation and open space outside of the Growth Centres precincts listed in the Western Sydney Growth Areas Special Infrastructure Contribution Determination 2011 and proposed North West Growth Area Special Infrastructure Contribution 2018 are eligible for Round 6 funding.

# Key dates and advice

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## Key dates

Table 4 gives key dates for Round 6 of the Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program.

Table 4. Key dates for Round 6 funding

Milestone	Date
Launch of Round 6 of the Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program for the Western Sydney Growth Areas	16 October 2024
Webinar for applicants	Late October 2024
Nomination period opens	18 October 2024
Nomination period closes	16 December 2024
Assessment complete	April 2025
Executive Steering endorsement of investment recommendations	June 2025
Announcement of successful projects	June 2025
Funding agreements issued to successful applicants	July to August 2025
Planning and design projects must be completed	30 June 2028
Land acquisition and construction projects must be completed	30 June 2029

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## Deadline for applications

The deadline for applications is 16 December 2024.

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## Advice

- The Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program team will host a funding round webinar for councils and state agencies.
- All applicants will have the opportunity to discuss proposed projects with the Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program team.

Please email questions to [sic.program@dpie.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sic.program@dpie.nsw.gov.au)

# Assessment and approval process

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## Guiding principles

Table 5 shows our guiding principles for assessing project nominations.

Table 5. Guiding principles

Principle	Description
<b>Strategic</b>	The Department works with communities to meet local needs. It sequences infrastructure delivery to support forecast demand.
<b>Evidence-based</b>	The Department bases its decisions on the quality and depth of relevant information and the ability to show a net social benefit.
<b>Transparency</b>	The Department evaluates projects against clearly articulated criteria and informational requirements. Our decisions are documented and open to scrutiny.
<b>Responsibility</b>	The Department considers risks and assurance in making decisions.
<b>Inclusive</b>	The Department takes an open, collaborative approach that allows for independent reviews to support decisions.
<b>Integrated</b>	The Department coordinates its efforts with other infrastructure and planning programs and ensures its processes match capital planning activities and the budget cycle.

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## Assessment stages

The Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program team will rigorously assess and prioritise applications for funding under Round 6 of the Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program. This ensures funding goes to projects that support new housing and matches the intended project objectives.

The assessment will have the following 5 stages:

1. Review of eligibility assessment
2. Service catchment analysis

3. Economic assessment using a Rapid Cost-Benefit Analysis model
4. Independent review by a technical consultant
5. Independent strategic review by expert panel.

## Stage 1: Eligibility assessment

In this stage, the Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program team will assess applications against the eligibility and mandatory criteria outlined above. The Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program team will review them to ensure the information given is accurate and complete. Applications that do not meet all criteria will be deemed ineligible and will not progress to further assessment stages.

After the review and assessment, the project delivery team and independent probity advisor will meet to identify which applications will progress in the assessment process.

## Stage 2: Catchment analysis

Eligible applications will progress to the catchment analysis stage. During this stage, an independent geospatial specialist will analyse the GIS (geographic information system) project catchments submitted by applicants. The specialist will assess the claimed housing benefits of each project against the Sydney Housing Supply Forecast and other infrastructure benchmarks. The geospatial specialist will produce an independent estimate of claimed housing benefits for each application.

Depending on the results of the catchment analysis, the project delivery team may choose to use the GIS consultant's revised housing benefit estimate in Stage 3 instead of that claimed by the applicant.

## Stage 3: Economic assessment

In the economic assessment stage, the Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program team will use a Rapid Cost-Benefit Analysis model to quantify the costs and benefits that the project is expected to deliver in dollar terms. The model will use data supplied by the applicants and/or the catchment analysis findings from Stage 2, including the housing benefits, project value and co-contribution amount.

The Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program team will generate a ranked shortlist using the Net Present Value Per Dollar of Capital Investment ratio. High-ranking projects above the minimum threshold will progress to the next assessment stage.

For more guidance on housing benefits and project catchments, see **Attachment B**.

## Stage 4: Independent technical review

In the fourth stage, a technical consultant will independently review shortlisted projects.

For construction and land acquisition projects, the review will consider the following:

- the accuracy of the cost estimates
- if the funding strategy is appropriate
- the feasibility of schedules and scope of works
- if risks and interdependencies have been identified properly
- the delivery capability of the applicant
- the natural risks – bushfire and flooding
- if the project has the required, planning, and other relevant approvals.

For planning and design projects, the review will consider the following:

- value for money
- scope of proposed works
- risks and interdependencies.

## Stage 5: Independent strategic review

In the fifth stage of the assessment process, the strategic review panel will review the projects that were supported in Stage 4. It is a panel of subject matter experts from within the Department. Each panel member will review and assess each project for funding based on assessment criteria questions in their area of expertise.

Criteria questions will focus on:

- prioritising and sequencing infrastructure delivery
- the housing supply benefits
- how well the project aligns strategically with growth
- how consistent the project is with the program objectives.

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## Governance structure and investment approval

The Minister for Planning and Public Spaces is the final decision-maker for awarding program funds as grants to successful applicants. The Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program team will give the minister an investment recommendations report based on the assessment process in these guidelines.



The investment recommendations report must be endorsed by the Grant Governance Committee, which maintains oversight of the program. The independent probity advisor will also review the report.

The program sponsor and program director will provide review, oversight and guidance to the Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program team.

Table 6 shows the governance structure for Round 6.

Table 6. Governance structure for the Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program

Governance structure	Role
<b>Minister for Planning and Public Spaces</b>	Investment approval
<b>Grant Governance Committee</b>	Program control/steering committee and endorsement of investment recommendations report
<b>Executive Director, Infrastructure Programs</b>	Program sponsor
<b>Director, Strategy and Implementation</b>	Program director
<b>Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program Team (Departmental staff and external consultants engaged to help deliver the program)</b>	Program delivery

# Application guidance

Eligible applicants must nominate projects for funding through the SmartyGrants platform at the link below. There is guidance throughout the portal to explain the requirements.

## Online nomination portal

Submit the application form: [Western Sydney Growth Areas Special Infrastructure Contributions website](#)

The Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program team can help you prepare your submission and give clear guidance on the assessment process. The team will review each project nomination to ensure it includes enough information for the assessment team to give the proposal proper consideration.

The project nomination form must:

- be supported and approved by an appropriate delegate
- supply all the necessary information
- meet all mandatory criteria.

If more information is needed, the Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program team will work with and support the delivery agency as it prepares the information. If the team does not receive the requested information, the project may be identified as incomplete.

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## How to prepare a project application

Table 7 lists the documents you will need to complete and submit as part of the project application. If the Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program team does not receive all the documents, your application may be deemed ineligible.

Table 7. Project application documents

Document	Description
<b>Draft project plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complete the project plan template provided.</li><li>• The Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program team will review the project plan and all supporting attachments as part of the assessment.</li></ul>

Document	Description
<b>Online nomination form</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit the online application form.</li> <li>• The Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program team will use the form to check that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– the applicant and project meet the eligibility criteria</li> <li>– there is enough information to assess the project</li> <li>– you have declared that the information given is accurate.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Project service catchment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supply separate GIS files for mapping the project extents and catchment area.</li> <li>• The Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program team will use the mapping to evaluate the stated housing supply benefits included in the nomination form.</li> </ul>
<b>Funding agreement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accept the terms in the nomination form for entering into a funding agreement.</li> <li>• The Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program team will supply a copy of the draft funding agreement for delivery agencies or councils to consider. By submitting the project nomination, the applicant has satisfied itself that it can enter into the funding agreement if the nomination is successful.</li> <li>• The Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program team will use the template agreement as the framework to finalise the agreed scope of funding and define how the agency or council will manage the grant funding.</li> </ul>
<b>Supporting attachments</b>	<p>Other documents that will support the technical assessment of projects would include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• project cost estimates</li> <li>• risk register</li> <li>• project program/schedule</li> <li>• business case</li> <li>• economic analysis</li> <li>• approvals.</li> </ul>

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## Benefits realisation requirements

The main objective for this round of the Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program is to fund infrastructure that supports the delivery of new housing. The Department will include a benefits realisation condition in the funding agreement and term sheet. Successful applicants may need to meet with the Department on an ongoing annual basis after project completion to discuss housing benefit performance.

The Department will compare home completions against the number of homes claimed within the application. Applicants can also report to the Department on other project benefits.

The Department strongly encourages applicants to submit a benefits realisation plan with the application if available. However, this is not mandatory.

# Program management

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## Payment of grants

Applicants must accept the terms in the draft funding agreement as part of the project nomination process through the online portal. Payment of funding is conditional on it being used only for the project, in keeping with the terms and conditions of the funding agreement. The Department will make the funding available in line with the milestones and payment schedule set out in the funding agreement. To receive payments, successful applicants must meet their obligations.

Applicants must submit a final acquittal and project report when the project is complete.

Funding agreements will detail the reporting and acquittal requirements with which applicants must comply. Agreements will align with the Grant Administration Guide (2024).

The Department may consider project variations and funding of reserve projects in future years, which will be subject to availability of funding.

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## Project responsibility

The successful applicant must acknowledge and agree that it is solely responsible for delivering and completing the project in line with the terms and conditions of the funding agreement. They will not be relieved of that responsibility because of any involvement with a third party (for example, subcontractors or partners).

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## Insurance requirements

Recipients must maintain:

- a minimum public liability insurance cover of \$20 million
- workers compensation insurance for people involved in delivery of the project
- insurance over assets used in connection with the project.

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## Probity

Strict governance and probity will apply to the Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program. The program will have fair and transparent assessment processes and will align with the Grants Administration Guide.

All decisions made about the Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program will be made in keeping with the relevant program guidelines and the associated assessment criteria. An independent probity advisor will provide guidance on issues concerning integrity, fairness and accountability that may arise throughout the submission, assessment, and decision processes.

### Probity queries

Email the Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program team at [sic.program@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sic.program@dpi.nsw.gov.au)

Email the probity advisor for Round 6 funding, Aziz Dindar from Procure Group, at [adindar@procuregroup.com.au](mailto:adindar@procuregroup.com.au)

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## Complaints procedure

Any complaints about a grant process must be made in writing. If you have questions about decisions for this grant opportunity, please email [sic.program@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sic.program@dpi.nsw.gov.au).

If you do not agree with how the Department has handled your complaint, you may raise this with the NSW Ombudsman. The Ombudsman will not usually investigate a complaint unless you have already raised it directly with the relevant Department. Visit the NSW Ombudsman at [www.ombo.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ombo.nsw.gov.au).

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## Privacy policy

The Department is required to comply with the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1988*. The Department collects the minimum personal information you voluntarily provide to enable it to contact an organisation and to assess the merits of an application. Any information provided by you will be stored on a database that will only be accessed by authorised personnel and is subject to privacy restrictions. The information will only be used for the purpose for which it was collected. Applicants must ensure that people whose personal details are supplied with applications are aware that the Department is being supplied with this information and how this information will be used.

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## More information

For more information on these guidelines or any related matter, please email the Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program team at [sic.program@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sic.program@dpi.nsw.gov.au). You can also visit the website: [Western Sydney Growth Areas Special Infrastructure Contributions website](#)

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## Attachment A – New project eligibility test

Table A1. New project eligibility test (note that new projects must be within the Western Sydney Growth Areas Special Contributions Area)

Infrastructure	New project eligibility test	Reference
<b>Road infrastructure</b>	<p>Eligible if the proposed road project is classified as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>state</b></li><li>• <b>regional.</b></li></ul> <p>Proposed bridges and intersection projects are eligible if they connect to a road classified as either State or Regional.</p> <p>All proposed roads must meet the specific criteria set out in Transport for NSW Independent Panel Road Classification Review and Transfer Information Paper 2020.</p> <p>Local roads are not eligible under Special Infrastructure Contributions Round 6.</p>	<p>Transport for NSW <a href="#">Independent Panel Road Classification Review and Transfer Information Paper 2020</a>. For criteria see pages 12, 13, 14.</p> <p>To check the status of the existing road classification, visit <a href="https://maps.transport.nsw.gov.au/egeomaps/road-network-classification/index.html">https://maps.transport.nsw.gov.au/egeomaps/road-network-classification/index.html</a></p>



Infrastructure	New project eligibility test	Reference
<b>Public transport infrastructure</b>	<p>The Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program team will determine the eligibility of proposed public transport infrastructure (bus interchange, depot, or bus lane) based on the project's strategic alignment.</p> <p>Applicant must provide an evidence base that identifies the project as part of the application. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport strategy</li> <li>• Program business case</li> <li>• Project business case</li> <li>• Bus strategy</li> </ul>	Documents supplied by applicant
<b>Open space – land acquisition only</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligible if the proposed project is for the land acquisition of a regional park within the Western Sydney Growth Areas Special Contributions Area.</li> <li>• The regional park size must be at least 20 ha or larger.</li> </ul>	<p>Western Sydney Aerotropolis Open Space Needs Study 2021 p 27</p> <p><a href="https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-03/western-sydney-aerotropolis-open-space-needs-study.pdf">https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-03/western-sydney-aerotropolis-open-space-needs-study.pdf</a></p>
<b>Land acquisition for a proposed construction project</b>	Eligible if both the land acquisition and the related construction project can be delivered before 30 June 2029.	n/a
<b>Land acquisition for emergency services, justice, health and education</b>	Proposed land acquisitions submitted by NSW Government agencies are eligible.	n/a

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## Attachment B – More information on housing benefits and project catchments

Attachment B gives you more guidance on the requirements for housing benefits and project catchments. You should consider the relationship between these requirements when preparing your application under Special Infrastructure Contributions Round 6.

### Housing benefits

Measuring the housing benefits of proposed projects is a major focus of the assessment process. The application form has a section called 'Project Catchment and Benefits'. As Figure B1 shows, this section has several questions on housing benefits.

<b>New homes supported by the project</b>	
<b>New Homes without SIC funding (Base Case)</b>	<b>New Homes with SIC funding (Project Case)</b>
<b>2025-26 (without funding) *</b>	<b>2025-26 (with funding) *</b>
100	200
Must be a whole number (no decimal place).	Must be a whole number (no decimal place).
<b>2026-27 (without funding) *</b>	<b>2026-27 (with funding) *</b>
100	200
Must be a whole number (no decimal place).	Must be a whole number (no decimal place).
<b>2027-28 (without funding) *</b>	<b>2027-28 (with funding) *</b>
100	200
Must be a whole number (no decimal place).	Must be a whole number (no decimal place).

Figure B1. Question on new homes supported

This question asks you to:

- give a year-by-year breakdown of the number of new homes the project supports
- capture the number of new homes supported under 2 scenarios:
  - when the project receives Special Infrastructure Contributions funding
  - without Special Infrastructure Contributions funding.

The Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program team will use the number of new homes supported as an input in the Rapid Cost-Benefit Analysis model. You must be realistic about the number of new homes the project supports when completing this question.

## Without Special Infrastructure Contributions funding

The scenario without Special Infrastructure Contributions funding forms the base case. The base case is the do-nothing scenario. New housing would happen naturally without the project going ahead or if the project is delayed until alternative funding is secured. **The number of new homes claimed in this scenario (base case) should not be zero.** Some level of housing growth will take place in the future, regardless of whether the project proceeds.

## With Special Infrastructure Contributions funding

The number of homes claimed in the scenario with Special Infrastructure Contributions funding forms the project case in the Rapid Cost-Benefit Analysis model. The project case may see an increase in homes being brought forward because of the project securing Special Infrastructure Contributions funding. The number of homes or the year homes are delivered should be different to the base case scenario.

Table B1 summarises each scenario.

Table B1. Summary of housing benefit scenarios

Nomination form question	Rapid Cost-Benefit Analysis	Scenario summary
Without Special Infrastructure Contributions funding	Base case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Number of homes supported by the project if the project does not go ahead or is delayed.</li><li>Should <b>not</b> be zero.</li></ul>
With Special Infrastructure Contributions funding	Project case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Number of homes supported if the project receives Special Infrastructure Contributions funding.</li></ul>

### Explain your method

You must clearly explain the method behind your claimed number of homes supported. The Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program team strongly encourages you to provide supporting documents to justify your claimed housing benefit.

The Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program team may adjust the number of homes that is an input into the Rapid Cost-Benefit Analysis model after the independent GIS consultant reviews the project service catchment. For more information on Cost-Benefit Analysis, refer to [NSW Government Guide to Cost-Benefit Analysis \(TPG23-08\)](#)

## Project catchments

In the context of the Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program, project service catchments are the geographically defined service area of the proposed project. Because of the nature of this program, the defined service catchment area should focus on capturing the total number of new homes supported by the project.

The total number of new homes supported within the project catchment area should match the total number of new homes supported under the scenario with Special Infrastructure Contributions funding. You must be realistic about the number of new homes the project supports when developing project catchments, as this will be assessed by the independent GIS consultant as part of the process.

As Figure B2 shows, you must upload files for project service catchment area and project extents mapping.

### Project Service Catchment GIS upload

Applicants are required to upload GIS shapefiles files of both the project catchment area and the project extents.

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**Upload Zipped GIS Shapefile of project extents \***

Filename: SIC Round 6 test.docx  
File size: 12.9 kB  
Upload ESRI shapefile, Geodatabase or Mapinfo

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**Upload Zipped GIS Shapefile of project service catchment \***

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Figure B2. Question on Project Service Catchment GIS

### Acceptable file formats

We will accept only the following map file formats:

- ERSI Shapefile
- ArcGIS Geodatabase or MapInfo.

Maps submitted in other file formats will not be accepted.

As Figure B3 shows, you must give details about the method used to estimate the project service catchment.

**Please provide an explanation of the methodology used to estimate the project service catchment. \***

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This answer will be used by the strategic review panel to assess the strategic benefits of the project including the veracity of the claimed benefits and their ability to be monitored.

Figure B3. Question on the method for the project service catchment

You must clearly explain the method used to define the catchment service area. Our independent GIS consultant will review project service catchment areas and the number of new homes claimed. The consultant may revise the project service catchment area or total number of new homes supported by the project after comparing it against the Sydney Housing Supply Forecast.

Figure B4 summarises how the Special Infrastructure Contributions Funding Program team will use your housing benefits and project catchment information in the assessment process.

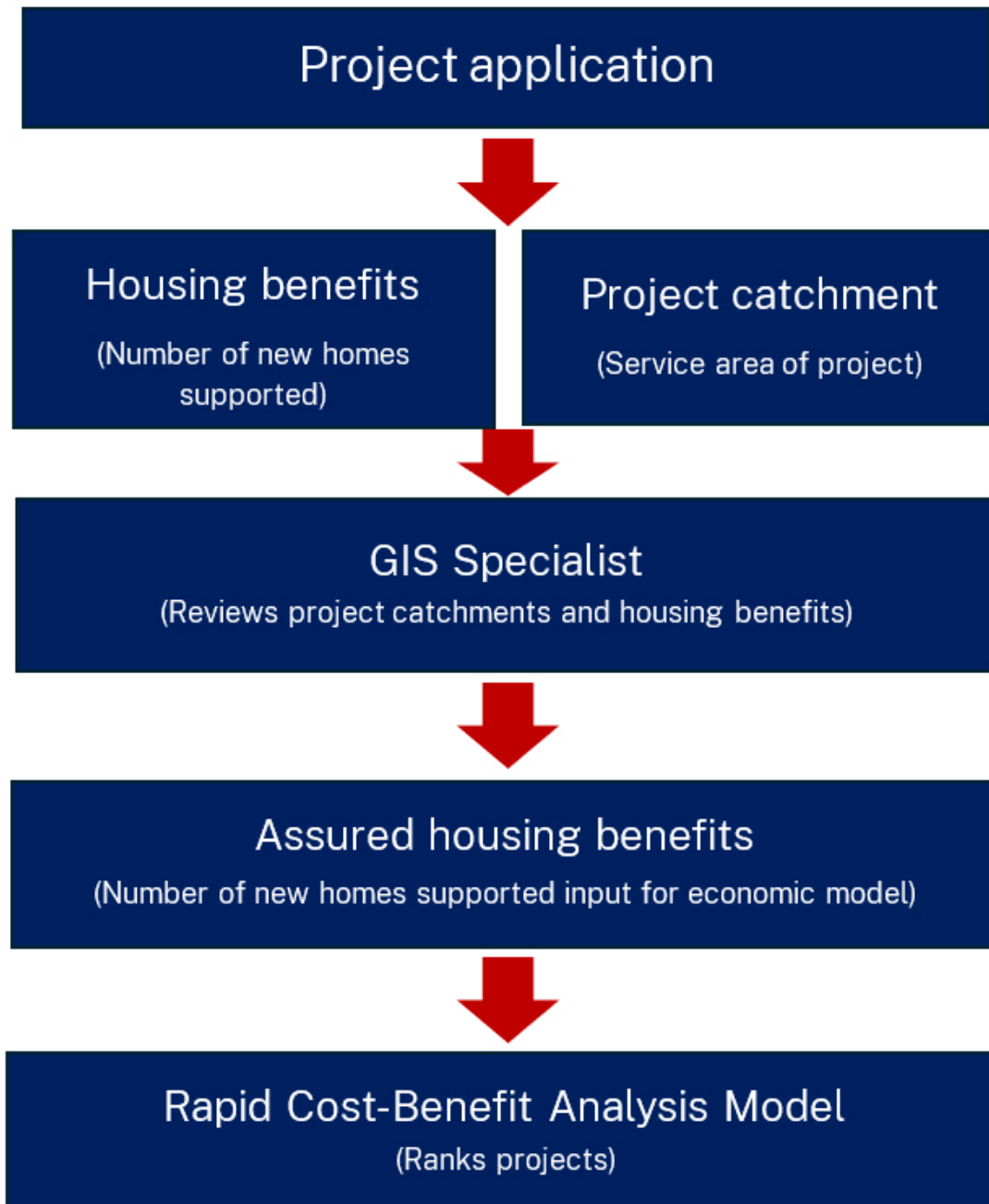


Figure B4. Flow map of applicant's housing benefits and project catchment information