### **PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

(SUPPORTING DOCUMENT)

Expires: Tuesday, 4 April 2023

# Draft Liverpool Plains Heavy Haulage Contributions Plan 2023

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#### 1.0 BACKGROUND

Under Section 7.11 of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) a Council can prepare a contribution plan that requires the payment of a contribution toward amenities and services that are required to address the impacts of a development. Such a contribution can be to pay for amenities or services provided in advance of development or those that are required to be provided in the future. The Act requires that the contribution must be reasonable and that there must be a direct nexus between the contribution and the amenities and services for which it is collected.

Heavy haulage vehicles reduce the life of the roads they travel on, which in turn require such roads to be reconstructed sooner than otherwise would be the case.

The *Draft Liverpool Plains Heavy Haulage Contributions Plan 2023* (*Draft Plan*) has been prepared to ensure that new developments that generate heavy haulage vehicle traffic on the local roads network contribute to the reconstruction of this network.

Council resolved at its Ordinary Meeting of 22 February 2023 to exhibit the **Draft Plan**.

The **Draft Plan** is the subject of this exhibition and is available for public comment in accordance with the public exhibition notice in **Section 4**.

A copy of the **Draft Plan** is provided as a **separate attachment**.

#### 2.0 DETAILS OF DRAFT PLAN

The **Draft Plan** is a new contributions plan that enables Council to impose a condition of consent on developments that generate heavy haulage traffic that requires a contribution to be paid towards the reconstruction of the local road network.

The Draft Plan targets quarries, which involve the heavies loads that have the largest impact on the life of roads and that usually have identifiable travel routes.

The contribution payable is calculated on a rate per tonne of material transported multiplied by the travel distance on the local road network. The contribution is required to be paid by the owners/operators of the new development on a quarterly basis.

The rate per tonne has been determined on the characteristics of an assumed heavy haulage vehicle and the known impact of the vehicle based on its equivalent standard axles (ESA).

#### 3.0 EXHIBITION PROCESS

The *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979* requires that draft contributions plans be placed on public exhibition. The process of public exhibition to adoption is as follows:

- 1 A draft contributions plan is prepared.
- 2 Council endorses the draft plan for exhibition.
- 3 Draft plan is placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days.
- Written submissions can be made to Council by any member of the public up until the expiry of the exhibition period providing comments on, or requesting changes to, any aspect of the Draft Plan.
- 5 Submissions received during the exhibition period are reviewed after the exhibition period has closed and are reported to Council.
- 6 Council considers submissions and resolves to adopt the draft plan with such amendments that it considers are warranted or decides not to proceed with the draft plan.
- 7 Public notice is given where Council adopts the draft plan.

These steps are defined. mandated and guided by the various relevant provisions of the EP&A Act and the Regulations, the extracts of which are provided for information in **Appendix II**.

#### 4.0 EXHIBITION NOTICE

## Public Exhibition Draft Liverpool Plains Heavy Haulage Contributions Plan 2023

Council invites the public to inspect the Draft Plan and supporting document and make submissions up until Tuesday 4 April 2023.

Submissions can be lodged in person at the Council chambers, by post or by email, the details of which are contained in the supporting document.

The Draft Plan will require developments that generate heavy haulage traffic on the local road network to pay a contribution towards its reconstruction.

The Draft Plan will be referred to Council after the exhibition period for adoption either as exhibited or subject to changes resulting from the public submissions.

All submissions will be referred to Council for consideration after the exhibition period for adoption.

Note: Placed on Council website under Public Notices Wednesday 1 March 2023

#### 5.0 SUBMISSION DETAILS

Submission to the exhibition must be made in writing and can be lodged:

• Over the Counter:: Council Chambers

60 Station Street, Quirindi

By mail to "PO BOX 152 Quirindi

By Email to: council@liverpoolplains.nsw.gov.au

#### **APPENDIX I - COUNCIL REPORT - Ordinary Meeting of 22 February 2023**

#### 7.15 DRAFT HEAVY HAULAGE CONTRIBUTION PLAN 2023

#### MOTION

Moved: Cr Ken Cudmore Seconded: Cr Jason Allan

#### That Council:

- 1. Endorse the Draft Heavy Haulage Contributions Plan 2023, and
- Place the Draft Heavy Haulage Contribution Plan 2023 on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, and adopt the Plan as exhibited, subject to no submissions being received.

#### APPENDIX III - RELEVANT LEGISLATION

#### Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 No 203

#### 7.18 Contributions plans—making

(cf previous s 94EA)

- (1) A council, or two or more councils, may, subject to and in accordance with the regulations, prepare and approve a contributions plan for the purpose of imposing conditions under this Division (other than Subdivision 4).
- (2) If a contributions plan authorises the imposition of conditions under section 7.12, the plan is to specify the type or area of development in respect of which a condition under section 7.12 may be imposed and is to preclude the imposition of a condition under section 7.11 in respect of that type or area of development.
- (2A) A contributions plan does not authorise the imposition of a condition under section 7.11 on a grant of development consent if the public amenities or public services to which that condition relates are, in whole or in part, infrastructure provided, or to be provided, in relation to the development out of contributions collected under Subdivision 4.
- (3) The regulations may make provision for or with respect to the preparation and approval of contributions plans, including the format, structure and subject-matter of plans.
- (4) A council is, as soon as practicable after approving a contributions plan, to provide the Minister with a copy of the plan.

#### Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021

#### 213 Public exhibition of draft contributions plans

- (1) After preparing a draft contributions plan, the council must publish the following on its website—
- (a) the draft contributions plan and any supporting documents,
- (b) the period during which submissions about the draft plan may be made to the council.
- (2) This section does not apply to a draft contributions plan if—
- (a) the plan is a subsequent contributions plan that amends a contributions plan, and
- (b) the Minister has given written notice to the council that this section does not apply.

#### 214 Approval of contributions plans

- (1) After considering any submissions about the draft contributions plan that have been duly made, the council may—
- (a) approve the plan in the form in which it was publicly exhibited, or
- (b) approve the plan with any alterations the council considers appropriate, or
- (c) decide not to proceed with the plan.
- (2) The council must publish notice of its decision on its website within 28 days after the decision is made.
- (3) Notice of a decision not to proceed with a contributions plan must contain the council's reasons for the decision.
- (4) A contributions plan comes into effect on—
- (a) the day on which notice of the council's decision to approve the plan is published on the council's website, or
- (b) a later day specified in the notice.

#### 215 Amendment or repeal of contributions plan

- (1) A council may amend a contributions plan by a subsequent contributions plan.
- (2) A council may repeal a contributions plan—
- (a) by a subsequent contributions plan, or
- (b) by publishing notice of a decision to repeal the plan on its website.
- (3) At least 14 days before repealing a contributions plan under subsection (2)(b), the council must publish notice of its intention to repeal the plan, and the reasons for the repeal, on its website.
- (4) The repeal of a contributions plan under subsection (2)(b) takes effect on the day on which the notice under subsection (2)(b) is published on the council's website.
- (5) A council may make the following kinds of amendments to a contributions plan without preparing a new contributions plan—
- (a) minor typographical corrections,
- (b) changes to the rates of development contributions set out in the plan to reflect quarterly or annual variations to—
- (i) readily accessible index figures adopted by the plan, such as the Consumer Price Index, or
- (ii) index figures prepared by or on behalf of the council from time to time that are adopted by the plan,
- (c) the omission of details of works that have been completed.