
Development Servicing Plan Charges – NSW Ombudsman’s Final Report

Reference: 101; 102; 103/6
Report Author: Interim Administrator

At the meeting of Council held on 10 March 2021, the final report delivered by the NSW Ombudsman in response to their investigation of a complaint relating to developing servicing charges was tabled.

Details in relation to the complaint that initiated the investigation are well known and I do not propose to restate them in this Minute.

Unfortunately, Council Officers did not make a recommendation in relation to the final report and gave Councillors three options with Council ultimately resolving as follows:

THAT Council accept recommendations 2 and 6 made by the NSW Ombudsman as outlined on page 3 of the report in Attachment 1 at this time acknowledging recommendation 5 has been satisfied having tabled the Ombudsman’s Final Report as attached in a Public Council Meeting AND THAT a report be brought back to Council following the period of public notification.

In my view the most recent report of the Ombudsman on this matter has not been handled well either administratively or politically.

Accordingly, I **recommended** that the Council’s decision of 10 March 2021 be rescinded.

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Interim Administrator