



## State Government to take up to \$9.3m from our community each year

Dear Residents,

The State Government is making a grab for development levies that will have a significant and lasting impact on you, our residents and ratepayers.

The Government is proposing to transfer the lion's share of development infrastructure contributions from councils, where they are spent on local parks, libraries and community centres, to the NSW Treasury where they can be spent anywhere in the State.

Under the St Leonards and Crows Nest 2036 plan, the Government imposed hefty population growth targets on our local government area. This means our community assets will have to work harder to meet the demands of the growing residential, worker and student populations. **Increasing our population while taking away funding that supports new open space is just wrong.**

North Sydney will lose between \$2.8m and \$9.3m in developer levies every year – projects from the Coal Loader at Waverton through to North Sydney Oval refurbishment, CBD Public Domain upgrades and playground improvements like St Thomas Rest Park have all been funded in some way from development contributions.

The loss of these funds will mean that Council will not be able to increase and improve public open space and community facilities to serve our growing population. Worse still, **the loss of developer contributions will increase and exacerbate the impacts of development on our community.**

Few of us measure our quality of life by local footpaths, but we do experience wellbeing when we read a book borrowed from the library, attend an art class at the community centre or share a picnic with friends in the park. More of these facilities will be needed with more residents.

If the proposal goes ahead, development contributions collected by the State Government from development sites in North Sydney will not have to be spent in our community – **we will bear the burden of new development without any capacity to deliver new facilities to ameliorate the impacts.**

It is outrageous for the State Government to impose high population growth in our area and then cut our funding for essential community facilities – **this is a grab from local communities to prop up State coffers.**

The State Government proposal also shifts the burden from developers to local home owners. For example, a developer building a commercial tower in the CBD will pay up to 70% less than what they are now (\$3.4m instead of \$10.8m), while a resident adding a couple of extra bedrooms to their house will be paying three times more (\$12,000 instead of \$4000).

North Sydney is one of 23 metropolitan councils fighting the proposed reforms, which the Centre for International Economics (CIE) estimates would give the State Government an additional \$793m per year in revenue (averaged over 20 years).

**This may help the State Government temporarily balance their budget, but the cost to local communities will last forever.**

North Sydney Council has made a strong submission against this proposal, but we are just one voice. Tell the State Government to leave community infrastructure in community hands!

Make your voice heard by posting on social media and writing to your local member.

Find out more at [saveourcommunities.com](http://saveourcommunities.com)

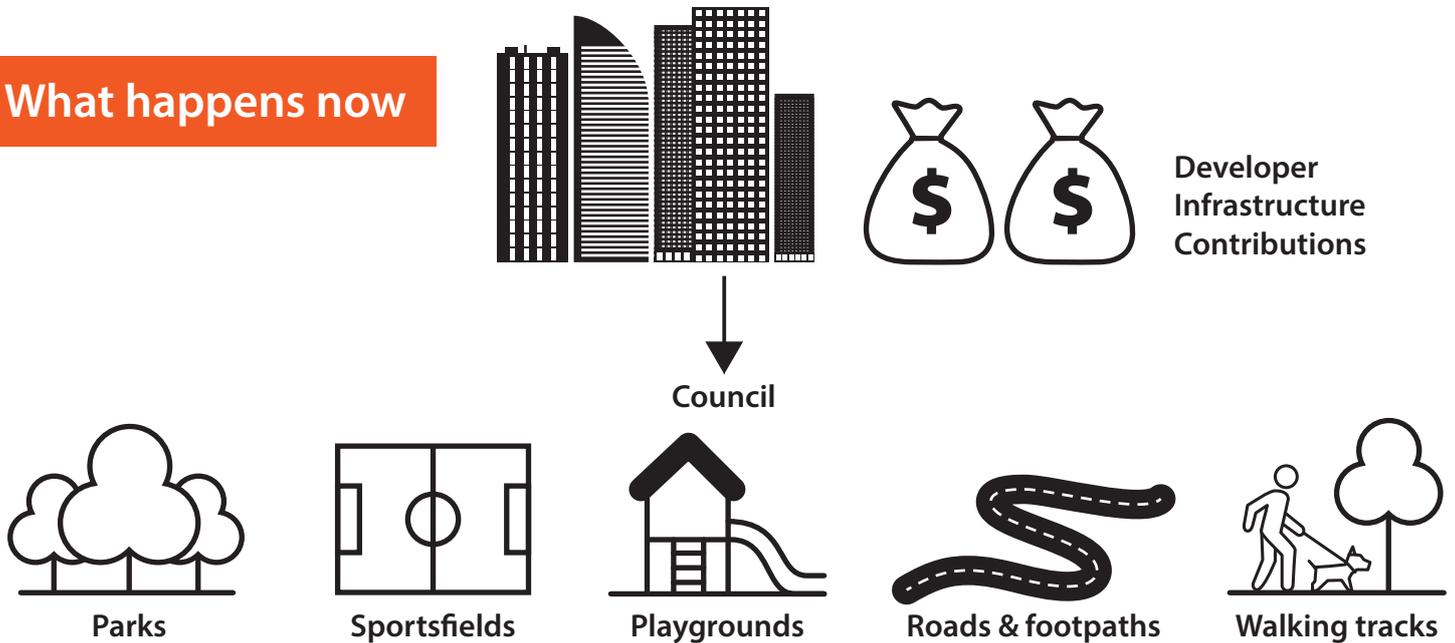
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# NSW Government's Tax Grab

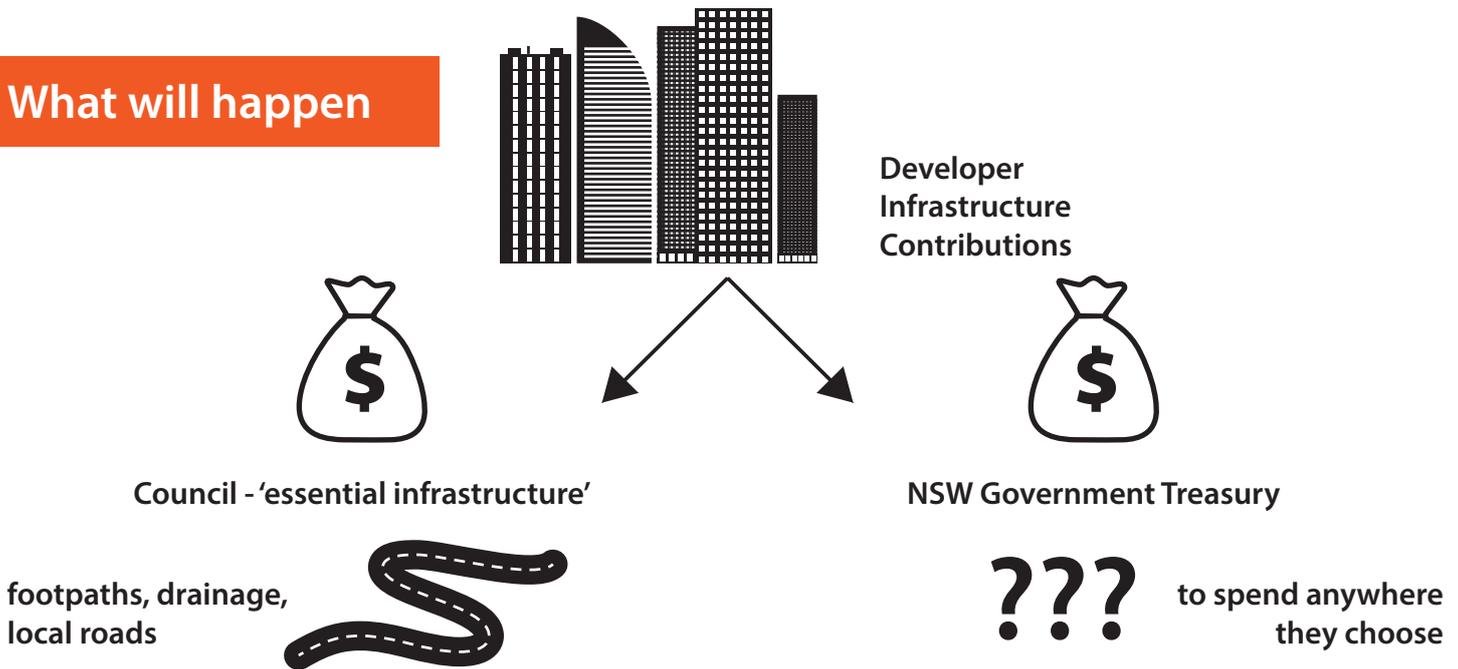


The State Government proposes to take developer contributions from local councils. North Sydney residents face the loss of \$96.5m over the next 10 years.

## What happens now



## What will happen



## What this means

