

13. Questions on notice

Councillor Britten asked for clarification of the methodology and justification for Section 64 contributions related to development of Pambula swimming pool complex.

The question was answered by memorandum from the Acting Group Manager Infrastructure Waste and Water who advised:

- Under Section 64 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council is able to charge developers for connection of their development to water supply and sewerage systems. The charges are calculated based on the increased load that developments place on such systems.
- According to information supplied by the proponent in the DA documentation, Pambula Swimming Pool development will result in additional system load.
- With all developments, the assessment of Section 64 charges is calculated using Council's adopted "Fees and Charges".
- All developments are assessed in an identical manner utilising Equivalent Tenement (ET) figures as a basis for the calculation of the system load. The calculations take into account existing approved development and an appropriate credit.
- With this particular development, a credit was given for all of the existing approved development and the additional load was calculated for the proposed development. A load calculation spreadsheet was provided to Councillors to show how the existing and proposed loadings have been considered.
- It should be noted that filling and operation of the proposed swimming pools was treated as a "like for like" and hence no contribution for the new swimming pools was included.