



JUNEE SHIRE COUNCIL

S7.12 LEVY CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN 2021

Effective from: 21 June 2021

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PART I - ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION

1. What is the name of this plan?

This plan is called *Junee Shire Council Section s7.12 Levy Contributions Plan 2021*.

2. Date of Commencement

This Plan commences on 21 June 2021.

3. Purpose of this plan

The purpose of this plan is:

- To authorise the Council to impose, as a condition of development consent under s7.12 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (“the Act”), a requirement that the applicant pay to the Council a levy determined in accordance with this plan.
- To require a certifying authority (the Council or an accredited certifier) to impose, as a condition of issuing a complying development certificate, a requirement that the applicant pay to the Council a levy determined in accordance with this plan, if development consent was granted subject to a condition authorised by this plan, and
- To govern the application of money paid to the Council under conditions authorised by this plan.

4. Land to which this Plan applies

This Plan applies to all land within the Junee Shire local government area (LGA).

5. Development to which this Plan applies

This Plan applies to development on land to which this Plan applies that requires development consent or complying development certificate under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (the Act)*.

6. Repeal of Junee Shire Council S94A Levy Contribution Plan 2016

This Plan repeals Junee Shire Council Section 94A Contributions Plan 2016.

7. What does Section 7.12 of the Act provide?

Section 7.12 of the Act provides as follows:

7.12 Fixed development consent levies

- (1) A consent authority may impose, as a condition of development consent, a requirement that the applicant pay a levy of the percentage, authorised by a contributions plan, of the proposed cost of carrying out the development.
- (2) A consent authority cannot impose as a condition of the same development consent a condition under this section as well as a condition under section 7.11.
- (2A) A consent authority cannot impose a condition under this section in relation to development on land within a special contributions area without the approval of -
 - (a) the Minister, or
 - (b) a development corporation designated by the Minister to give approvals under this subsection.
- (3) Money required to be paid by a condition imposed under this section is to be applied towards the provision, extension or augmentation of public amenities or public services (or towards recouping the cost of their provision, extension or augmentation). The application of the money is subject to any relevant provisions of the contributions plan.
- (4) A condition imposed under this section is not invalid by reason only that there is no connection between the development the subject of the development consent and the object of expenditure of any money required to be paid by the condition.
- (5) The regulations may make provision for or with respect to levies under this section, including -
 - (a) the means by which the proposed cost of carrying out development is to be estimated or determined, and
 - (b) the maximum percentage of a levy.

8. Termination

This plan ceases to have effect five years from the date on which this Plan commences.

9. Council may require payment of the levy as a condition of development consent

Subject to any direction of the Minister under section 7.17 of the Act which is in force from time to time, this plan authorises the Council to grant consent to development to which this plan applies subject to a condition requiring the applicant to pay to the Council a levy in accordance with the following scale:

- a) In the case of development other than development specified in paragraph (1)(b) of Section 25K of the Regulations:
 - i. if the proposed cost of carrying out the development is up to and including \$100 000 – nil, or
 - ii. if the proposed cost of carrying out the development is more than \$100 000 and up to and including \$200 000 – 0.5% of that cost, or

- iii. if the proposed cost of carrying out the development is more than \$200 000 – 1% of that cost.

If a Ministerial direction under section 7.17 is in force, this plan authorises the Council to grant consent to development subject to a condition which is in accordance with that direction.

Any Ministerial direction under section 7.17 of the Act which has been made and is in force from time to time is included in the Attachment to this plan.

10. Certifying authority must require payment of the levy as a condition of issuing a complying development certificate

Subject to any direction of the Minister under section 7.17 of the Act which is in force from time to time, this plan requires a certifying authority (the Council or an accredited certifier) to issue a complying development certificate in respect of development to which this plan applies subject to a condition requiring the applicant to pay to the Council a levy in accordance with the following scale:

- a) In the case of development other than development specified in paragraph (1)(b) of Section 25K of the Regulations:
 - i. if the proposed cost of carrying out the development is up to and including \$100 000 – nil, or
 - ii. if the proposed cost of carrying out the development is more than \$100 000 and up to and including \$200 000 – 0.5% of that cost, or
 - iii. if the proposed cost of carrying out the development is more than \$200 000 – 1% of that cost.

If a Ministerial direction under section 7.17 is in force, this plan authorises the certifying authority to issue a complying development certificate subject to a condition which is in accordance with that direction.

Any Ministerial direction under section 7.17 of the Act which has been made and is in force from time to time is included in the Attachment to this plan.

11. How is the proposed cost of carrying out development determined?

Clause 25J of the Regulation sets out how the proposed cost of carrying out development is to be determined. That clause provides as follows:

25J Section 7.12 levy—determination of proposed cost of development

- (1) *The proposed cost of carrying out development is to be determined by the consent authority, for the purpose of a section 7.12 levy, by adding up all the costs and expenses that have been or are to be incurred by the applicant in carrying out the development, including the following—*
 - a. *if the development involves the erection of a building, or the carrying out of engineering or construction work—the costs of or incidental to erecting the building, or carrying out the work, including the costs (if any) of and incidental to demolition, excavation and site preparation, decontamination or remediation,*

- b. if the development involves a change of use of land—the costs of or incidental to doing anything necessary to enable the use of the land to be changed,*
 - c. if the development involves the subdivision of land—the costs of or incidental to preparing, executing and registering the plan of subdivision and any related covenants, easements or other rights.*
- (2) For the purpose of determining the proposed cost of carrying out development, a consent authority may have regard to an estimate of the proposed cost of carrying out the development prepared by a person, or a person of a class, approved by the consent authority to provide such estimates.*
- (3) The following costs and expenses are not to be included in any estimate or determination of the proposed cost of carrying out development—*
 - a. the cost of the land on which the development is to be carried out,*
 - b. the costs of any repairs to any building or works on the land that are to be retained in connection with the development,*
 - c. the costs associated with marketing or financing the development (including interest on any loans),*
 - d. the costs associated with legal work carried out or to be carried out in connection with the development,*
 - e. project management costs associated with the development,*
 - f. the cost of building insurance in respect of the development,*
 - g. the costs of fittings and furnishings, including any refitting or refurbishing, associated with the development (except where the development involves an enlargement, expansion or intensification of a current use of land),*
 - h. the costs of commercial stock inventory,*
 - i. any taxes, levies or charges (other than GST) paid or payable in connection with the development by or under any law,*
 - j. the costs of enabling access by disabled persons in respect of the development,*
 - k. the costs of energy and water efficiency measures associated with the development,*
 - l. the cost of any development that is provided as affordable housing,*
 - m. the costs of any development that is the adaptive reuse of a heritage item.*
- (4) The proposed cost of carrying out development may be adjusted before payment, in accordance with a contributions plan, to reflect quarterly or annual variations to readily accessible index figures adopted by the plan (such as a Consumer Price Index) between the date the proposed cost was determined by the consent authority and the date the levy is required to be paid.*
- (5) To avoid doubt, nothing in this clause affects the determination of the fee payable for a development application.*

Notes:

- *Clause 25J (1)(a) and (c) – where development the subject of a development application is for the subdivision of a building or land and includes subdivision works, the proposed cost of the development will include the cost of the engineering or construction work involved in carrying out the subdivision works.*
- *Clause 25J(3)(b) – repairs do not include alterations and additions to a building or work*

12. How is the proposed cost of carrying out development indexed?

Pursuant to clause 25J(4) of the Regulation, the proposed cost of carrying out development is to be indexed before payment to reflect annual variations in the *Consumer Price Index All Group Index Number for Sydney* between the date the proposed cost was determined by the Council and the date the levy is required to be paid.

The formula governing indexation of the proposed cost of carrying out development is as follows:

$$\mathbf{IDC = ODC \times CP2/CPI}$$

where:

IDC = the indexed development cost

ODC = the original development cost estimated by the Council

CP2 = the *Consumer Price Index All Group Index Number for Sydney* at the time a levy is paid

CPI = the *Consumer Price Index All Group Index Number for Sydney* at the date the original development cost was estimated by the Council.

13. Cost estimate reports must accompany a development application or application for a complying development certificate

A development application or an application for a complying development certificate is to be accompanied by a detailed cost report prepared at the applicant's cost in accordance with Schedule 3 of this Plan. Council staff may use the Estimated Cost of Development Guide provided at Schedule 2 for the purposes of validating any estimated cost provided.

14. Who may provide a report for the purposes of clause 13?

For the purpose of clause 25J(2) of the Regulation, the following persons are approved by the Council to provide a detailed cost report for the purposes of clause 13:

- A licensed builder,
- A Practising Structural Engineer,
- A Quantity Surveyor,
- An Architect,
- A current building cost indicator (eg. Cordell or Rawson publication)
- A person appointed by agreement between the applicant and the Council.

The Council may, at the applicant's cost, engage a person referred to in this clause to review a report submitted by an applicant in accordance with clause 13.

15. How will the Council apply money obtained from the levy?

Money paid to the Council under a condition authorised by this plan is to be applied by the Council towards meeting the cost of the provision, or the recoupment of the cost, of one or more of the public facilities listed in Schedule 1.

16. Pooling of levies

For the purposes of s7.3(2) of the Act, this plan authorises money obtained from levies paid in respect of different developments to be pooled and applied by the Council progressively towards the public facilities listed in Schedule 1.

17. Obligation of certifying authorities

Pursuant to clause 146 of the Regulation, a certifying authority must not issue a construction certificate for building work or subdivision work under a development consent unless it is satisfied of compliance with any condition of consent requiring the payment of a levy before work is carried out in accordance with the consent.

The certifying authority must cause the applicant's receipt for payment of the levy to be provided to the Council at the same time as the other documents required to be provided under clause 142(2) of the Regulation.

18. When is the levy payable?

A levy required to be paid by a condition authorised by this plan must be paid to the Council at the time specified in the condition.

If no time is specified, the levy must be paid prior to the first certificate issued under Part 4A of the Act in respect of the development that is the subject of the development consent under which the levy is required to be paid.

19. What is the Council's policy on the deferred or periodic payment of levies?

The Council does not allow deferred or periodic payment of levies authorised by this plan, unless directed by the Minister.

20. Are there alternatives to payment of the levy?

If an applicant for development consent seeks to make a contribution towards the provision of public facilities to meet development other than by payment of a levy or development contributions, the applicant may adopt one of the following procedures:

- ***Offer to enter into a voluntary planning agreement***

If an applicant does not wish to pay a levy in connection with the carrying out of development, the applicant may offer to enter into a voluntary planning agreement with the Council under s7.4 of the Act in connection with the making of a development application.

Under the planning agreement, the applicant may offer to pay money, dedicate land, carry out works, or provide other material public benefits for public purposes. Those purposes need not relate to the impacts of the applicant's development nor to the items listed in Schedule 1.

The applicant's provision under a planning agreement may be additional to or instead of paying a levy in accordance with a condition of development consent authorised by this plan. This will be a matter for negotiation with the Council.

The offer to enter into the planning agreement together with a copy of the draft agreement should accompany the relevant development application.

The Council will publicly notify the draft planning agreement and an explanatory note relating to the draft agreement along with the development application and will consider the agreement as part of its assessment of that application.

If the Council agrees to enter into the planning agreement, it may impose a condition of development consent under s7.7(3) of the Act requiring the agreement to be entered into and performed. If the Council does not agree to enter into the planning agreement, it may grant consent subject to a condition authorised by this plan requiring the payment of a levy.

- ***Offer made to Council following the grant of development consent requiring payment of a levy***

If development consent has been granted to the carrying out of development subject to a condition authorised by this plan to pay a levy, the applicant must comply with the condition unless it is modified under s4.55 of the Act.

If the applicant does not wish to pay the levy, the applicant may make an application to the Council under s4.55 of the Act to modify the consent by substituting for the condition requiring payment of the levy a condition requiring the carrying out of works or the provision of a material public benefit towards the public purpose to which the levy was to be applied.

If the Council approves the application, the applicant will be bound by the substituted condition. If the Council does not approve the application, the applicant will remain bound by the condition authorised by this plan requiring payment of the levy.

In assessing the s4.55 application, the Council will have regard to the requirements of the current Practice Note issued by the NSW Government in the *Section 7.12 fixed development consent levies : Practice note – February 2021*.

21. What definitions apply?

In this Plan unless the context or subject matter otherwise indicates or requires:

ABS means the Australian Bureau of Statistics,

Act means the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*,

Council means Junee Shire Council,

levy means a levy under s7.12 of the Act authorised by this plan,

Minister means the Minister administering the Act,

public facility means a public amenity or public service,

Regulation means the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*.

PART 2 - JUNEE LGA OVERVIEW

Junee LGA Demographic Snapshot

Junee Shire is a rural shire 2,030 square kilometres in size on the South West Slopes of New South Wales. The township of Junee is 41 kilometres from Wagga Wagga. In 2020, the total population of Junee Council area was estimated to be 6,676 people.

There are four villages within the Junee Shire being Illabo, Bethungra, Old Junee and Wantabadgery. Populations range up to 130 people within the village areas. All village areas have urban areas, and some are serviced by general stores, manufacturing and tourism industries, public parks and recreation camping areas.

Growth

According to the Centre for Population data, the Junee LGA has had an average growth rate of 0.7% since 2002, adding approximately 45 persons per year over this period. The five-year average since 2016 is approximately 1.1%, or an additional 69 persons per year.

The average household size for Junee was 2.5 persons, based on the most current available ABS data. Analysis of the data indicates that an average of 18 additional households are added to the LGA every year, based on the overall growth average since 2002.

Public expectation in providing services associated with this growth, requires additional infrastructure in the form of amenity, road works and facilities.

Economy

There has been approximately \$15m worth of construction work carried out in the Shire annually (2018 and 2019). The majority of this work in the past two years has been for residential building work. Non-residential building work has been limited to a smaller number of significant items per year.

Agriculture and supporting industries continue to be a strong economic driver in the shire, as well as the main employment industry (16.4% of labour force). Some development is occurring in the associated area of grain handling and other transport reliant industries. Other major employment industries in Junee include *Public Administration and Safety* and *Healthcare and Social Assistance* (10.5% and 10.6% of labour force respectively).

Infrastructure Framework

The existing social infrastructure managed by the Council includes parks and gardens, sporting fields, reserves, public buildings, camping grounds, playground equipment, irrigation equipment, sporting complex and road network. There are a number of specific items listed within Schedule 1 that have been identified by Council and the community as being priority works. The improvement and upgrade of these facilities meets Council inter-generational equity responsibility to the community. Council has been active in improving amenities and making land available for development to attract new residents. The relationship between continuing growth, increased population, with more houses being built and the requirement to continually improve or develop public infrastructure, be it social or utilities, is the major objective of this plan.

Commercial and retail sector development will continue to be focused within Junee township. Development impact for these activities place pressure on infrastructure such as car parking, public toilets and waste management. While growth in this area is more likely to be opportunistic rather than strategic, the development of this plan will assist in controlling the impacts mentioned.

Industrial developments require access to infrastructure not controlled by Council. There are dedicated areas in the Shire for industrial development and should an increased activity occur in these areas, then the infrastructure under Council's control will need improvement, specifically in the areas of roads, storm water and waste management.

Schedule I- Works Schedule

DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED COST	PRIORITY
OPEN SPACE & RECREATION		
Upgrade of playground equipment	\$100 000	L
SUBTOTAL	\$100 000	
CIVIL INFRASTRUCTURE		
New Kerb and Gutter		
Junee	\$75 000	M
New Footpaths		
Junee	\$75 000	H
SUBTOTAL	\$150 000	
COMMUNITY FACILITIES		
JJRAC	\$150 000	H
TOTAL	\$400 000	

Priority Timing

Low Priority up to five years

Medium Priority two to four years

High Priority zero to three years

Public facilities for which levies will be sought

A. Completed works for which contributions will be recouped

- a. Upgrade of playground equipment
- b. JJRAC

B. Works in progress for which contributions will continue to be levied

- a. Nil

C. New public facilities for which contributions will be sought

- a. New Kerb and Gutter – Junee
- b. New Footpaths – Junee

Schedule 2 - Estimated Cost of Development by Floor Area Guide

The following guide will be utilised by Council staff in assessing the estimated cost of development. This has been provided as a guide for applicants in preparing estimated cost of development reports. Where an Estimated Cost of Development is more than 10% less than the cost indicated below when applied to the floor area of the development, applicants will be required to amend their estimated cost or engage an independent quantity surveyor at the applicants cost to confirm the Estimated Cost of Development.

Development Type		Rate by sqm floor area or as otherwise indicated	
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT			
Multi Residential Housing			
Townhouse		\$2,786	per sqm
Villas		\$1,737	per sqm
Undercover Parking	Ground floor	\$3,182	per space
Dwellings			
Small Lot Housing	1 storey	\$1,428	per sqm
Dual Occupancy	1 & 2 storey	\$1,531	per sqm
Project Home	1 & 2 storey	\$1,600	per sqm
Architectural Design	1 storey	\$2,136	per sqm
Architectural Design	More than 1 storey	\$2,976	per sqm
Additions	Ground floor - Timber	\$1,531	per sqm
Additions	Ground floor – Brick Veneer	\$1,651	per sqm
Additions	First floor	\$2,976	per sqm
Decks/Pergolas			
Deck	Unroofed	\$456	per sqm
Deck	Roofed	\$740	per sqm
Pergola	Unroofed	\$267	per sqm
Garages			
Garages	Metal (kit)	\$464	per sqm
Garages	Cladded timber frame	\$654	per sqm
Garages	Brick	\$843	per sqm
Carports			per sqm
Carports	No new slab	\$258	per sqm
Carports	New slab	\$378	per sqm
Retaining Walls			
Retaining Walls	Brick (1m high)	\$757	linear metre
Retaining Walls	Block/treated pine (1m high)	\$464	linear metre
Front Fence			
Front Fence	Face brick with inserted panels	\$1,161	linear metre
Front Fence	Brushwood 1.8m high	\$310	linear metre

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Front Fence	Pool type 1.5m high	\$196	linear metre
Front Fence	Colourbond 1.8m high	\$120	linear metre
Pools			
In Ground Pool <40m2	Concrete	\$55,728	complete
In Ground Pool <40m2	Fibreglass	\$46,440	complete
Above Ground Pool <40m2	Vinyl	\$22,360	complete

Development Type		Rate by sqm floor area or as otherwise indicated	
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL			
Offices	1-3 storeys	\$1,754	per sqm
Shops		\$1,582	per sqm
Supermarkets		\$1,772	per sqm
Shopping Complex		\$3,165	per sqm
Service Stations		\$3,715	per sqm
Parking Areas			
Car Park	Open (bitumen)	\$169	per sqm
Car Park	Undercover (no ventilation)	\$29,756	per space
Hotels, Motels, Clubs			
Hotel/Motel/Club	1 & 2 storey	\$2,976	per sqm
Hotel/Motel/Club	3 + storeys	\$3,715	per sqm
Health Care Building			
Hospital	1 storey	\$3,715	per sqm
Hospital	Multi storey	\$5,022	per sqm
Medical Centre	1 storey	\$2,976	per sqm
Nursing Home	1 storey	\$2,976	per sqm
Education Facility			
Primary/High School		\$2,229	per sqm
Technical College		\$2,417	per sqm
Industrial			
Factory/Warehouse	Precast <1000m2	\$1,307	per sqm
Factory/Warehouse	Precast >1000m2	\$1,023	per sqm
Factory/Warehouse	Metal <1000m2	\$1,023	per sqm
Factory/Warehouse	Metal >1000m2	\$929	per sqm

Schedule 3 - Detailed Cost Report Template

To be completed by a suitably qualified person, as identified in the Plan.

DEVELOPMENT

APPLICATION NO.

COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT

APPLICATION NO.

CONSTRUCTION

CERTIFICATE NO.

DATE

APPLICANT'S NAME:

APPLICANT'S ADDRESS:

DEVELOPMENT NAME:

DEVELOPMENT ADDRESS:

DEVELOPMENT DETAILS:

Total			
Gross Floor Area – Commercial	m ²	Rate/m ² \$	\$
Gross Floor Area – Residential	m ²	Rate/m ² \$	\$
Gross Floor Area – Agriculture	m ²	Rate/m ² \$	\$
Gross Floor Area – Car Parking	m ²	Rate/m ² \$	\$
Number of Carparking Spaces	No.	Rate/space \$	\$
Total Development Cost			\$
Total Construction Cost			\$
Total GST			\$

ESTIMATE DETAILS:

Professional Fees			\$
Demolition costs (/m ²)		Cost item	\$
Excavation earthworks (/m ³)		Cost item	\$
Site Remediation	/m ²	Cost item	\$
Fire Safety Measures	/m ³	Cost item	\$
Other costs (please list)	/m ³	Cost item	\$

Total Development Cost	\$
Total Construction Cost	\$
Total GST	\$

I certify that I have:

- Inspected the plans the subject of the application for development consent or construction certificate.
- Calculated the development costs in accordance with the definition of development costs in the s7.12 Development Contributions Plan of Junee Shire Council at current prices.
- Included GST in the calculation of development cost.
- Measured gross floor areas in accordance with the Method of Measurement of Building Area in the AIQS Cost Management Manual Volume 1, Appendix A2.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Position and Qualifications: _____

Date: _____