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Dear Mr Bolton

Thank you for your letter of 3 August 2026 about the assessment of infrastructure charges under the *Planning Act 2016* (the Planning Act) following the Queensland Planning and Environment Court (QPEC) judgement for *Grunske v Fraser Coast Regional Council (No. 2)* [2026] QPEC 16.

Queensland's infrastructure charging framework is designed to ensure that new development contributes to the cost of providing trunk infrastructure that services anticipated growth. The Planning Act enables Local Governments to adopt infrastructure charges for development. These charges are capped and cannot exceed the maximum adopted charge as prescribed under the Planning Regulation 2017.

I am advised that, under section 120 of the Planning Act, a charge may be levied on a development approval to address the additional demand that the approved development will place on trunk infrastructure. This may include demand associated with future development that has not yet occurred but is anticipated as a result of the approval, such as the future construction of a dwelling house on a newly created lot.

The Queensland Productivity Commission (QPC) recently reported on opportunities to improve productivity in Queensland's construction industry and recommended that the Queensland Government review the infrastructure planning, funding and charging framework. The Crisafulli Government has committed to considering the QPC's recommendations to determine appropriate actions to improve the operation, transparency and effectiveness of the framework.

The Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (the Department) will consider the matters raised in your letter as part of this work and any future considerations arising from the Government's response to the QPC recommendations.

I have asked for Ms Alice Brown, Executive Director, Planning Policy in the Department, to assist you with any further queries. You may wish to contact Ms Brown on (07) 3244 9384 or by email at alice.brown@dsdip.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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