

Agenda

Topic Roundtable	Local Council Infrastructure Cost Benchmarks
Date	3 December 2013
Time	9:00am to 1:00pm
Location	Lyceum Room, Wesley Centre, 220 Pitt Street, Sydney

This roundtable provides an opportunity for stakeholders to ask questions and comment on IPART's Draft Report on Local Council Infrastructure Cost Benchmarks.

We have divided the roundtable into 4 sessions. Each session will begin with an introduction and presentation by IPART on the issue and include a brief summary of our findings and recommendations. The roundtable participants will then be invited to make comments including any questions for IPART.

Following this discussion, other stakeholders including members of the public will have the opportunity to provide comment and ask questions.

The timing of sessions will be guided by the interest from stakeholders on each of the issues. The forum is scheduled to conclude at approximately 1pm with closing remarks from the Chair.

The roundtable will be transcribed. A copy of the transcript will be placed on our website within 5 days of the forum.

9.00 am Registration – coffee/tea (commencing 9.30 am)

Opening remarks by the Chairman

- ▼ How the roundtable will work.
- ▼ Background to the review and what we were asked to do.
- ▼ An overview of the major topics to be discussed.

1. Benchmarks and other infrastructure

- ▼ How IPART and Evans & Peck developed the benchmark costs, including base costs, adjustment factors and contingency allowances.

- ▼ What infrastructure items were benchmarked.
- ▼ How councils should escalate the benchmark costs.
- ▼ How the benchmarks will be reviewed.
- ▼ Cost methodologies for estimating efficient costs of infrastructure when there is no benchmark.

Morning tea break

2. Standards influencing cost of infrastructure

- ▼ Identification of standards that may unreasonably impact on the cost of local infrastructure.

3. Land valuation and escalation of land costs

- ▼ Valuing land owned by the council for the purpose of contributions.
- ▼ Valuing land to be acquired by the council for the purpose of contributions.
- ▼ Escalating land costs – land value index/CPI.

4. Dispute resolution mechanisms

- ▼ When disputes can arise about infrastructure benchmarks.
- ▼ The current dispute resolution mechanisms available and our recommendations.
- ▼ When are disputes about infrastructure benchmarks and cost methodologies likely to arise?
- ▼ Our recommendations on dispute resolution mechanisms.

12.55 pm Closing remarks (conclude 1pm)