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biodiversity planning guide for
local government

Sample

CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN

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Part 1: Introduction

1.1 Title

This Plan is called *Contributions Plan No*—*Biodiversity, Habitat Corridors and Tree Preservation Contributions Plan*.

1.2 Commencement

This Plan commences on a date to be notified by the Council.

Note: The plan was approved by the Council on, and commenced on (see Minute No. Public notice of the Council's approval of the plan appeared in the on

1.3 Purpose of plan

The purpose of this Plan is to identify community bushland areas for low impact and passive recreation and biodiversity needs required to be provided or embellished as a direct consequence of new development, and to apportion the cost of acquiring and embellishing bushland in accordance with section 94 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

1.4 Aims and objectives

The principal objective of this Plan is to document a program for acquisition and embellishment of public land so as to:

- provide opportunities for low impact and passive recreation
- protect and preserve native vegetation and biodiversity in the Council area
- retain native vegetation in parcels of a size and configuration which will enable the existing plant and animal communities to survive in the long term
- protect and enhance habitat for threatened species
- maintain or replace corridors for fauna and flora.

1.5 Land to which plan applies

This plan applies to land within the Council area.

1.6 Definitions

The definitions within *Local Environmental Plan 19...* apply to this plan.

Part 2: Planning context

2.1 Relationship to other plans

This Plan relates to the plans.

2.2 Establishment of a nexus

This Plan recognises that population growth, new residential development in area, and clearing for agriculture in area is impacting upon the habitat of native fauna and flora (particularly listed threatened species X, Y and Z) as identified in the document described as and dated, which recognises the need to acquire and protect areas of remnant bushland that are also capable of providing low scale or passive recreation opportunities. The cost of purchase and embellishment of these areas is directly attributable to new development in the area.

Part 3: Works schedule

3.1 Schedule and works program

The council's program for provision and embellishment of bushland is outlined in Appendix

[Note: includes description of land, timing, description of works such as land acquisition and reforestation, total cost, proportion of cost attributable to new development, and amount levied. Contributions cannot presently be used for on-going maintenance]

Part 4: Contribution rate

4.1 Formula for calculating contributions

The formula for determining urban bushland contributions is :

[Note: a function of average land cost per hectare, embellishment costs, number of residential lots developed and progressive staging. Could include discounts where land is subject to conservation agreements or property agreements.]