



# Media release

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## Draft policy to help start-up small businesses

A DRAFT policy to help start-up small businesses by cutting sewer and water developer contributions is now open for public comment.

Mayor, Jim Simmons, said the draft Clarence Valley Council policy recognised that sewer and water developer contributions could impact adversely on the viability of establishing small industrial and commercial businesses, with a long-term outcome of small businesses disappearing from commercial and industrial areas.

Cr Simmons said that for the purposes of the policy, small businesses were defined as having fewer than 15 people.

He said that to help with the establishment of small commercial and industrial development, the draft policy proposed to cut the applicable developer charges for these developments as follows:

- 50% reduction in the first two equivalent tenements (maximum of one equivalent tenement);
- 30% reduction in third and fourth equivalent tenements (maximum of 1.6 equivalent tenements), and;
- 20% reduction in fifth and sixth equivalent tenements (maximum two equivalent tenements).

The draft policy is available at [www.clarence.nsw.gov.au](http://www.clarence.nsw.gov.au) or at council's customer service centres in Grafton or Maclean. Submissions on the draft can be emailed to [council@clarence.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@clarence.nsw.gov.au), posted to Locked Bag 23, Grafton, 2460, or delivered to council's customer service centres. Submissions close 4.30pm, Friday September 22, 2017.

Inquiries should be directed to council's water cycle section on 6645 0000.

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