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OBJECTIVE

Development applications which have large scale employment generating projects can choose to have their applications priority processed subject to conditions as listed.

POLICY

Applicants/Developers submitting development applications for large scale employment generating projects can choose to have their applications *Priority Processed* subject to the following:

- (i) The applicant/developer agrees to pay the costs of additional staff resources to cover the work of the planning officer processing the application as well as other Council administration, professional and overhead costs.
- (ii) The applicant/developer pays the normal DA fee plus the additional Council costs.

- (iii) The applicant pays the DA fee at the lodgement of the application plus the additional money Council determines is required to cover the costs of priority processing the application. Alternative the applicant can lodge a bank guarantee to cover the additional costs.
- (iv) Once the processing costs have consumed the normal DA fee, the applicant is to pay Council additional money a month in advance of Council's costs.
- (v) Should the processing costs of Council exceed the original estimate, the applicant/developer is to cover those additional costs.
- (vi) Any monies not expended through Council's costs after the application has been determined are to be refunded to the applicant/developer.
- (vii) If an applicant/developer chooses and pays the associated costs to have their development application Priority Processed, it does not mean/guarantee that Council will give a favourable determination of that application. Council will still assess the application on its merits and in accordance with the relevant Council codes and policies and planning legislation.
- (viii) Any future amendments to the consent under Section 96 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act are to be on a fee for cost basis.

DA fees for any application for dwelling extensions or renovations under \$5,000 in value where no development application was required prior to July 1998, be fixed at \$50.00.

Staffing issues within the Development Services Section be monitored.