

## External Infrastructure Subsidy Scheme- Project Eligibility

**An EIS grant application cannot be made, or an approved project cannot be paid, if commencement of or payment for the work precedes any announcement of Ministerial approval.**

### Project Eligibility

For a project to be eligible for an EIS grant, the infrastructure charge and/or external infrastructure work must be:

- a requirement of a Relevant Entity, i.e. a Minister or a government entity under the Public Service Act 2008, section 24 or the local government for the area in which the school is located
- External to the school site
- Linked to any school-based capital project.

#### ***Explanatory Note on the School-based Capital Project Requirement***

Under the EIS Guidelines, it is possible for EIS grants to be established in support of ANY school-based capital project. This means that the relevant capital project does not need to have previous approval for grants in any of the other capital assistance programs administered by QIS BGA, such as the Australian Government Capital Grants Program and the State Capital Assistance Scheme.

Subject to the number and value of applications in any round, provision of a subsidy of up to 50% of the total costs of a proposed project will be considered, in relation to:

- infrastructure charges
- design and construction of infrastructure external to the school site
- internal pickup/set down areas for developing schools, where the Relevant Entity dictates that pickup/set down facilities should be internal to the school site.

#### ***Explanatory Note on Internal Pickup/Set Down Areas***

Project work may include INTERNAL pickup/set down areas for DEVELOPING schools, where circumstances dictate that pickup/set down facilities should be internal to the school site:

- Where the developing school has been operating for a period of less than 10 years, and/or
- Where inclusion of a new type of education results in that part of the school being classified as 'developing'.

Note that applications involving both infrastructure charges and project work will be treated as two (2) separate projects for the purposes of administering any future approved grants.

### Types of Eligible Projects

Projects which are eligible for grants under EIS include:

- a) **Infrastructure charges** issued by a Relevant Entity such as, water, sewerage, stormwater, roadways, and/or environmental levies.

Applications for grants in support of infrastructure charges may be submitted when the charge has been established through an Infrastructure Charges Notice (ICN) issued by a local Council and/or a utilities provider, resulting from the approval of a development application or building application.

### **Explanatory Note for Schools in South-East Qld- Relevant Entity**

There are 2 types of organisations—local councils and council-owned distributor-retailers—which provide water distribution, retail and sewerage services to customers in 11 council areas in South-East Queensland.

Local councils levy water and sewerage charges in the Logan, Redland and Gold Coast areas.

The remaining 8 Council areas will receive their water and sewerage charges via the following entities:

- *Queensland Urban Utilities (QUU)*, which services Brisbane, Ipswich, Lockyer Valley, Scenic Rim, and Somerset local council areas
- *Unitywater*, which services Moreton Bay, Sunshine Coast and Noosa local council areas.

Infrastructure charges issued by local councils and QUU or Unitywater are eligible for EIS grants.

- b) **External infrastructure project work costs** relating to a development condition or requirement to provide infrastructure EXTERNAL to the school site (as issued by local council, the Department of State Development or a utilities provider). This includes connections to water or sewerage services or transport related works (refer examples below). In some local council jurisdictions requirements to address readiness of the school site for telecommunications and other services may also be included in development conditions.

Applications may be submitted when the proposed project has been fully costed with the preliminary estimate or bill of quantities being prepared a professional consultant, such as an engineer or QS.

### **External Infrastructure Project Work Examples**

External infrastructure project works generally fall into one of the following categories:

<b>Services</b>	<b>Transport</b>	<b>Streetscape</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Water supply</li><li>• sewerage (major trunk sewers, rising mains and pumping)</li><li>• stormwater/drainage</li><li>• fire service mains</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Carparks external to the school site</li><li>• pickup/set down areas (including private vehicles, buses and taxis) external to the school site</li><li>• acceleration/deceleration lanes</li><li>• road widening</li><li>• intersection channelisation</li><li>• roundabouts</li><li>• traffic signals</li><li>• signage and linemarking</li><li>• lighting</li><li>• bus stops and shelters</li><li>• busway stations (major facilities located on Regional Busway Network)</li><li>• new footpaths and footpath widening</li><li>• pedestrian crossing facilities, bicycle paths and bicycle storage areas</li><li>• noise attenuation structures external to the site (e.g. timber fences).</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trees and other planting</li><li>• mounding and planting beds</li><li>• irrigation systems</li><li>• disability access</li><li>• features enhancing personal safety</li><li>• signage and lighting</li><li>• footpath treatments (walkways/cycleway and turf)</li><li>• street furniture (seats and shelters)</li></ul>