

**Explanatory Note – Voluntary Planning Agreement  
Multi dwelling housing development (15 dwellings)  
DA 094/19 – Tweed Road, Bowenfels**

**Objectives of the Planning Agreement**

To provide a material benefit to be used for or applied towards a public purpose.

**Nature of the Planning Agreement**

- The developer shall pay Lithgow City Council an amount of \$5,000 per dwelling for use by Council for the upgrade and improvements to community facilities and public open space.
- The contribution payment is to be paid in the stages that the dwellings will be constructed and paid prior to the issue of the Occupation Certificate for each stage.

**Effect of the Planning Agreement**

The effect of the Planning Agreement will be to provide a monetary contribution towards for the provision of facilities for public use within the Lithgow Local Government Area.

**Merits of the Planning Agreement**

- The approved development (DA 094/19) involves the Torrens title subdivision of the land (Lot 402 DP 1155154) into two lots, the concept approval for multi-dwelling housing (15 dwellings in total) and the approval of Stage 1 works involving the first 3 dwellings and Strata title subdivision. The development as approved will result in an increase in demand for public facilities.
- In the assessment of the merits of the development, Council has considered the social impacts of the proposal on the immediate locality and on the wider community, and seeks to ensure means are available for community facilities and infrastructure to be provided which will address this matter.
- The provision of community facilities and infrastructure is the main outcome derived from the development and operation of this Planning Agreement.

**Promotion of Council's Charter**

Council has a vision for the Lithgow area to be recognised as a desirable place to live and visit and a viable place in which to invest. The provision of community facilities and infrastructure will assist in promoting this vision.

**Planning Purpose**

The Planning purpose of the Planning Agreement is:

- In compliance with the *Environmental and Planning Assessment Act 1979* and associated Regulations.

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- In compliance with the public interest of the development, being to provide facilities which may be of benefit towards a public purpose.
- To enhance the positive social impact of the development on the locality.

**Capital Works Program**

Once funds identified in this Planning Agreement have been collected, Council will begin planning for their expenditure through incorporation into the capital works program.

As agreed this day:.....

Heinz Beckers (Director/Developer of In Touch Systems & Research PTY LTD:

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Lithgow City Council:

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## PLANNING AGREEMENT

### Parties

Lithgow City Council of 180 Mort Street Lithgow, New South Wales, 2790 (**Council**)

and

Heinz Beckers (Director); In Touch Systems & Research Pty Ltd; 137A Ryde Road, PYMBLE  
NSW 2073 (**Developer**).

## Background

(For Development Applications)

- A. Development application DA094/19 was lodged with Lithgow City Council on 18 June 2019 seeking development consent for the subdivision of Lot 402 DP 1155154 into 2 lots, the concept development of multi dwelling housing (15 dwellings), the construction of Stage 1 works (3 dwellings) and subsequent Strata title subdivision.
- B. Development consent was granted to DA094/19 by Lithgow City Council on 28 September 2020 including a draft of this planning agreement.
- C. The draft agreement provided a commitment by the applicant to make a contribution to Lithgow City Council in the amount of \$5,000 per dwelling to go towards the provision of open space and community facilities.

## Operative provisions

### 1 Planning agreement under the Act

The Parties agree that this Agreement is a planning agreement governed by Part 7 of Division 7.1 of Subdivision 2 Section 7.4 of the Act.

### 2 Application of this Agreement

This application applies to Lot 402 DP 1155154, Tweed Road, Bowenfels, the concept approval for multi dwelling housing comprising 15 dwellings.

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### 3 Operation of this Agreement

This Agreement takes effect on the date of execution. All contributions are to be paid prior to the release of any Occupation Certificate for each dwelling/stage of the development including Stage 1 works approved in DA 094/19 (first 3 dwellings) and any subsequent development application for remaining dwellings.

### 4 Definitions and interpretation

4.1 In this Agreement the following definitions apply:

**Act** means the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (NSW).

**Dealing**, in relation to the Land, means, without limitation, selling, transferring, assigning, mortgaging, charging, encumbering or otherwise dealing with the Land.

**Development** means the concept development approval for multi dwelling housing (15 dwellings), stage 1 works (construction of first 3 dwellings and Strata title subdivision).

**Development Application** has the same meaning as in the Act.

**Development Consent** has the same meaning as in the Act.

**Development Contribution** means a monetary contribution, the dedication of land free of cost or the provision of a material public benefit.

**GST** has the same meaning as in the GST Law.

**GST Law** has the meaning given to that term in *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999* (Cth) and any other Act or regulation relating to the imposition or administration of the GST.

**Land** means Lot 402 DP 1155154, Tweed Road Lithgow.

**Party** means a party to this agreement, including their successors and assigns.

**Regulation** means the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*.

4.2 In the interpretation of this Agreement, the following provisions apply unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) Headings are inserted for convenience only and do not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.
- (b) A reference in this Agreement to a business day means a day other than a Saturday or Sunday on which banks are open for business generally in Sydney.
- (c) If the day on which any act, matter or thing is to be done under this Agreement is not a business day, the act, matter or thing must be done on the next business day.
- (d) A reference in this Agreement to dollars or \$ means Australian dollars and all amounts payable under this Agreement are payable in Australian dollars.
- (e) A reference in this Agreement to any law, legislation or legislative provision includes any statutory modification, amendment or re-enactment, and any subordinate legislation or regulations issued under that legislation or legislative provision.
- (f) A reference in this Agreement to any agreement, deed or document is to that agreement, deed or document as amended, notated, supplemented or replaced.
- (g) A reference to a clause, part, schedule or attachment is a reference to a clause, part, schedule or attachment of or to this Agreement.
- (h) An expression importing a natural person includes any company, trust, partnership, joint venture, association, body corporate or governmental agency.
- (i) Where a word or phrase is given a defined meaning, another part of speech or other grammatical form in respect of that word or phrase has a corresponding meaning.
- (j) A word which denotes the singular denotes the plural, a word which denotes the plural denotes the singular, and a reference to any gender denotes the other genders.
- (k) References to the word 'include' or 'including' are to be construed without limitation.
- (l) A reference to this Agreement includes the agreement recorded in this Agreement.

(m) A reference to a party to this Agreement includes a reference to the servants, agents and contractors of the party, and the party's successors and assigns.

(n) Any schedules and attachments form part of this Agreement.

## 5 Development Contributions to be made under this Agreement

5.1 The Developer shall pay to Council an amount of \$5,000 per dwelling that will be utilised by Council for improvements and upgrades to community facilities and public open space.

5.2 The monetary payment is to be paid in the stages that the dwellings will be constructed prior to the issue of any Occupation Certificate.

### Application of the Development Contributions

5.3 Payments must be made prior to the issue of the Occupation Certificate for each stage of the development (including Stage 1 as approved in DA 094/19 and any subsequent stages approved under separate development consent).

## 6 Application of s7.11 & s7.12 of the Act to the Development

Sections 7.11 & 7.12 do not otherwise apply to the development.

## 7 Registration of this Agreement

This Agreement will not be registered as provided for in s7.6 of the Act as its provisions are to be finalised prior to the issue of any Occupation/Subdivision Certificate.

## 8 Review of this Agreement

This agreement shall not be reviewed except with the approval of both parties.

## 9 Dispute Resolution

Should a dispute arise as part of this agreement that cannot be resolved between the parties then the parties may engage an independent mediator to be funded by the parties to assist in resolving the dispute. If the dispute is not resolved by mediation then before either party has recourse to litigation, the party must submit the dispute to expert appraisal. If the parties do not agree upon an independent expert, either

may request the Secretary General of the Australian Commercial Disputes Centre to nominate an expert.

## 10 Enforcement

If this agreement is not honoured prior to any request for the issue of any Occupation Certificate then the parties agree that enforcement shall mean any Occupation Certificate will not be released.

## 11 Notices

11.1 Any notice, consent, information, application or request that must or may be given or made to a Party under this Agreement is only given or made if it is in writing and sent in one of the following ways:

- (a) Delivered or posted to that Party at its address set out below.
- (b) Faxed to that Party at its fax number set out below.
- (c) Emailed to that Party at its email address set out below.

### **Council**

Attention: Andrew Muir

Address: 180 Mort Street, Lithgow, NSW 2790

Phone Number: 02 6354 9999

Email: council@lithgow.nsw.gov.au

### **Developer**

Attention: Heinz Beckers, Director

In Touch Systems & Research Pty Ltd

Address: 137A Ryde Road, PYMBLE NSW 2073

Phone Number: 0405 335 337

Email: hb.mailbox1@gmail.com

11.2 If a Party gives the other Party 3 business days notice of a change of its address or fax number, any notice, consent, information, application or request is only given or made by that other Party if it is delivered, posted or faxed to the latest address or fax number.

11.3 Any notice, consent, information, application or request is to be treated as given or made at the following time:

- (a) If it is delivered, when it is left at the relevant address.
- (b) If it is sent by post, 2 business days after it is posted.
- (c) If it is sent by fax, as soon as the sender receives from the sender's fax machine a report of an error free transmission to the correct fax number.

11.4 If any notice, consent, information, application or request is delivered, or an error free transmission report in relation to it is received, on a day that is not a business day, or if on a business day, after 4.30pm on that day in the place of the Party to whom it is sent, it is to be treated as having been given or made at the beginning of the next business day.

## 12 Approvals and consent

Except as otherwise set out in this Agreement, and subject to any statutory obligations, a Party may give or withhold an approval or consent to be given under this Agreement in that Party's absolute discretion and subject to any conditions determined by the Party. A Party is not obliged to give its reasons for giving or withholding consent or for giving consent subject to conditions.

## 13 Assignment and Dealings

The parties agree that should the developer intend to sell, transfer or assign the property, then the developer will, in any contract for sale or Deed of Assignment or Transfer, include a requirement that the purchaser or assignee must honour the same terms and conditions as this document.

## 14 Costs

Any incidental costs associated with this agreement shall be borne by the developer.

## 15 Entire agreement

This Agreement contains everything to which the Parties have agreed in relation to the matters it deals with. No Party can rely on an earlier document, or anything said or done by another Party, or by a director, officer, agent or employee of that Party, before this Agreement was executed, except as permitted by law.



## **16 Further acts**

Each Party must promptly execute all documents and do all things that another Party from time to time reasonably requests to affect, perfect or complete this Agreement and all transactions incidental to it.

## **17 Governing law and jurisdiction**

This Agreement is governed by the law of New South Wales. The Parties submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of its courts and courts of appeal from them. The Parties will not object to the exercise of jurisdiction by those courts on any basis.

## **18 Joint and individual liability and benefits**

Except as otherwise set out in this Agreement, any agreement, covenant, representation or warranty under this Agreement by 2 or more persons binds them jointly and each of them individually, and any benefit in favour of 2 or more persons is for the benefit of them jointly and each of them individually.

## **19 No fetter**

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as requiring Council to do anything that would cause it to be in breach of any of its obligations at law, and without limitation, nothing shall be construed as limiting or fettering in any way the exercise of any statutory discretion or duty.

## **20 Representations and warranties**

The Parties represent and warrant that they have power to enter into this Agreement and comply with their obligations under the Agreement and that entry into this Agreement will not result in the breach of any law.

## **21 Severability**

If a clause or part of a clause of this Agreement can be read in a way that makes it illegal, unenforceable or invalid, but can also be read in a way that makes it legal, enforceable and valid, it must be read in the latter way. If any clause or part of a clause is illegal, unenforceable or invalid, that clause or part is to be treated as removed from this Agreement, but the rest of this Agreement is not affected.

## 22 Modification

No modification of this Agreement will be of any force or effect unless it is in writing and signed by the Parties to this Agreement.

## 23 Waiver

The fact that a Party fails to do, or delays in doing, something the Party is entitled to do under this Agreement, does not amount to a waiver of any obligation of, or breach of obligation by, another Party. A waiver by a Party is only effective if it is in writing. A written waiver by a Party is only effective in relation to the particular obligation or breach in respect of which it is given. It is not to be taken as an implied waiver of any other obligation or breach or as an implied waiver of that obligation or breach in relation to any other occasion.

## Execution

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Executed as an Agreement:**

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**Heinz Beckers (Director)**

**In Touch Systems & Research Pty Ltd**

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**Lithgow City Council**