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### KENEALLY MUST REVIEW SECTION 94 CAP

**Shadow Minister for Planning and Infrastructure Brad Hazzard today called on the Keneally Labor Government to enter immediate discussions with local government and the development industry to end the stand off over the Section 94 levies cap.**

The State Labor Government announced it was capping Section 94 levies that councils can charge on new developments, but failed to undertake appropriate consultation with local government.

“The NSW Liberals & Nationals are extremely concerned the State Labor Government’s levy cap decision has been undertaken without appropriate consultation with local government or any explanation as to how the shortfall, required for adequate infrastructure delivery, will be made up,” Mr Hazzard said.

“Suggestions that councils may be forced to recover the shortfall through substantial increases in charges to ratepayers is unacceptable,” he said.

“We do not accept that the State governments capping of Section 94 levies is the panacea for the critical problem of the lowest housing starts in over 50 years.

“Unless the State Labor Government engages local government in productive discussions to achieve a balanced outcome – it is likely that local governments’ concerns and reluctance to approve new development applications will exacerbate the housing shortage.

“The NSW Liberals & Nationals call on the State Labor Government to enter immediate discussions with local government and industry to strike the necessary balance.

“If Labor fails to address the issue prior to the March 2011 State election, then the NSW Liberal & Nationals, if elected, will work in partnership with local government and immediately review the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act and all matters related to development in NSW including the Section 94 levies and the State infrastructure contributions.

**“Only a NSW Liberals & Nationals Government will start the change needed to deliver the infrastructure needed to support local communities and to make NSW Number One Again,” Mr Hazzard said.**

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