E. Developer contributions

Distributor-retailers collect infrastructure charges (developer contributions) from developers. These are calculated based on the size and type of development. Developer contributions are settled through cash contributions or donated assets (for example, water and sewerage infrastructure). These contributions are intended to increase the capacity of the water and sewerage networks that are needed to support new developments.

In 2019–20, developer contributions of \$323.9 million were recognised, a decrease of 6.7 per cent from 2018–19. The decline is linked to a decrease in building approvals.

350,000 25,000 Developer contributions (\$'000) 300,000 20,000 250,000 **Building approvals** 15,000 200,000 150,000 10,000 100,000 5.000 50,000 0 0 2015-16 2016-17 2017-18 2018-19 2019-20 Developer contributions—UU Developer contributions—Unitywater Building approvals—UU Building approvals—Unitywater

Figure E1
Trend of developer contributions and building approvals

Note: Building approvals do not include alterations, additions, and conversions. UU—Urban Utilities.

Source: Compiled by the Queensland Audit Office from Queensland Government Statistician's Office, Urban Utilities, and Unitywater data.

