

**14.1: CRISIS HOUSING STRATEGY-MOTION WITH NOTICE BY COUNCILLOR SUTTON-VERSION TWO**

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**1. THAT Council:**

- (1) Develop and adopt a City of Albany Local Crisis Housing Strategy Position/Policy that defines:**
  - (a) Suitable locations, that enable access to social services (such as: general practitioners, hospitals, counselling), public transport and employment assistance.**
  - (b) The facility management structure and conditions that will protect those in crisis and neighbouring residents.**
- (2) Identify and allocate funding in the current and future budgets to undertake the following activities, for the purpose of (1) above:**
  - (a) Research and Identify potential locations that would be most suitable for this type of housing arrangement; and**
  - (b) Examine other housing models as used in other jurisdictions; and**
  - (c) Identify potential opportunities for Council to assist with the provision of support services to enable such facilities to remain sustainable.**

- 2. THAT Council ADOPTS a policy position that review protocols are put in place to ensure special conditions associated with any planning approval are met and being maintained.**

**Councillor's Reason:**

An item was presented to the Planning and Development Committee without consideration of the need for a long term strategy.

I have received community feedback from neighbouring residents of approved crisis accommodation that they feel that the management conditions imposed on the planning approval have not been honoured.

It is widely acknowledged that homelessness is exacerbated by a lack of crisis accommodation services.

When people are facing significant crisis and/or making major life transitions it is the responsibility of the community to ensure appropriate management conditions are put in place to ensure a safe environment for those needing assistance, neighbouring residents and those associated with the provision of these services.

It is not the intent of this motion to delay the provision of social housing.

The purpose of this motion is to ensure the City of Albany works with key state, federal and community stake-holders to develop the best possible solution for the whole community.

**Officer Comment (Executive Director Planning and Development Services D Putland):**

The intent of the Councillor's Motion with Notice is supported as it will provide more certainty to both applicants and the community, noting that the motion will have budgetary and resourcing implications which will need to be considered by Council in the 2014-15 budget.