

Social Housing business case before Council

South Gippsland Shire Council will prepare a housing strategy to advocate for funding as part of the Big Housing Build.

The program, that was announced by the Victorian Government last year, is designed to create social and affordable housing in regional Victoria. At the same time, this will help support employment growth to build these new housing options.

Twenty-five percent of the funding has been earmarked for regional and rural Victorian local government areas with some already allocated guaranteed minimum funding investments. However, those who have not been allocated any minimum funding amounts, such as South Gippsland, still have the ability to develop a proposal for funding. To be approved, the proposal must be developed in partnership with a social housing service.

At the latest Council Meeting, Council supported the development of a South Gippsland Housing Strategy to enable advocacy for the program and allocated \$100,000 towards the strategy development.

Quote attributable to South Gippsland Shire Council Administrator Christian Zahra AM:

“Any good strategy should rely upon a very strong basis of factual information. That’s going to be a key part of the strategy that will be developed as part of this initiative that we are endorsing. A good strategy will bring together all those different elements and Council, at a future date, will be able to consider that as part of the way in which it may elect to participate in what is a very large initiative that has been brought into place by the State Government.”

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