

Community and Social Housing

(Policy Number – L-COMPOL002)
(Policy Type – Council)

1 Aim

Council operates 57 one and two bedroom community and 7 two bedroom social housing units for the independently aged in various locations within the Latrobe township.

Council is committed to continuing to provide these units for members of the community who meet the pre-determined eligibility criteria.

2 Policy Statement

Council's involvement in elderly persons' accommodation commenced with the support of a Federal Government grants program in the 1980's. These units meet a demand for elderly persons housing particularly as Australians are now living longer.

Council is committed to maintaining its existing stock of units, providing a level of affordable social housing options for eligible members of the community. These units generally provide an accommodation option for people who have contributed to the social and economic fabric of the Latrobe community over many years.

Council may explore opportunities from time to time for investment and/or diversification in areas where it can be demonstrated there will be benefit for the aged and more vulnerable members of the community. Opportunities which provide a positive financial return and/or significant community benefit are preferable. Any consideration will be subject to formal Council decision.

3 Policy Detail

Purpose	Description
Founder Donors	Council acknowledges many tenants were part of the 'Founder Donor' program when they commenced their tenancy. Council will honour its commitment to 'Founder Donor' tenants for the duration of their tenancy, which includes the provision of subsidised rental.
Surety of tenancy	Surety of long-term tenancy (generally to near end of life) and in consideration of associated income base (reviewable with market

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	trends) is guaranteed. Tenants will also be expected to meet conditions outlined within their lease agreement if they wish to remain a resident.
New Tenancies	All new tenancies will be based on rental agreements which are in line with the requirements of the <i>Tasmanian Residential Tenancy Act 1997</i> . Rental will be set in line with market trends (subject to regular review).
Condition of units	Council will maintain the units in a reasonable condition which considers the age of the units and the availability of funding through its annual budgeting process.
Eligibility	All prospective tenants are required to complete an application form, administered by Council staff.

4 Associated Documents and References

4.1 Local Government Act 1993 Reference

20. Functions and powers

(1) *In addition to any functions of a council in this or any other Act, a council has the following functions:*

(a) *to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the community*

4.2 Strategic Plan Reference

Program	2	Community and Economic Development
Activity	2.4	Community Facilities/Services
Objective	2.4	Provide a range of quality community facilities and services which engage and empower the community to participate
Strategy	2.4.12	Support the affordable housing needs of elderly residents and other vulnerable members of the community

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ADMINISTERED BY: Team Leader Community & Economic Development

This policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure its relevance in terms of community needs and expectations and Council goals, targets, budget and statutory requirements.