

ITEM 14

NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR ANN MARTIN - INVESTIGATION INTO LOCATING DUMP SPOTS FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN MOBILE HOMES

Councillor Ann Martin has submitted the following Notice of Motion –

“I formally move that Council Investigate the provision of a number of dump spots for people living in mobile homes, visiting Grey Nomads and others in mobile homes and vans other than those located in Council owned caravan parks.”

Background provided by Councillor Ann Martin:

The rate of homelessness continues to increase, and more and more people are living in their cars and vans without toilet facilities, or access to dump spots for those who have bathroom facilities in their mobile homes.

This motion seeks the investigation into installation and costs of dump spots where practicable.

The growth in homeless people being forced to live in their cars and mobile homes could be made less stressful for those in this position.

This is the third motion seeking dump spots in our City in suitable public places. The first two motions have failed because of the prevailing view that Grey Nomads contribute little to the local economy. This motion specifically seeks to acknowledge the reality of people living in their vans and cars because of the chronic lack of social and affordable housing in the Wollongong Local Government Area. It also, again, seeks dump spots that can also be of benefit to the mobile home travellers.