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NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR KIT DOCKER - COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR FRONTLINE HOMELESSNESS SERVICES

Councillor Kit Docker has submitted the following Notice of Motion –

“I formally move that –

- 1 A review be undertaken of council’s Protocol for Homeless People in Public Places with a view to investigate measures that could be undertaken by council to support local frontline homelessness services including, but not limited to, any ways council can support the processing of development applications.
- 2 The findings of this review be delivered to councillors via a briefing by no later than 9 December 2024.”

Background provided by Councillor Kit Docker:

The Wollongong LGA is experiencing record demand for homeless services in NSW. Figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics show that the number of people experiencing homelessness in our region on the 2021 census night was more than double that of the national average. A more recent report by the Australian Government’s Institute of Health and Welfare, states that our city continues to see sharp increases in demand for homeless services. This report also revealed that the Wollongong LGA has the third highest number of people in the state accessing support.