



14.2 Further support for community members impacted by COVID-19 lockdowns

I, Councillor Tim Baxter, give notice that I intend to move the Motion outlined below at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 01 September 2021:

That Council:

1. Notes that the current lockdown, which will have been in place for 4 weeks by 2 September 2021, may be extended beyond that date.
2. Notes that our community has been disproportionately impacted by lockdowns, having a higher proportion of those, who through no fault of their own, have been stood down without pay and been unable to pay rent and other bills.
3. Notes that lockdowns play an important role in containing COVID through reduction of transmission.
4. Notes that support for people during lockdown last year, in the form of a state moratorium on evictions, and income support through JobKeeper and JobSeeker, played an important role in helping people stay home and contain the virus.
5. Requests the Mayor to urgently write to the Premier (or relevant Minister) asking State Government to reinstate the moratorium on evictions, rent relief for eligible tenants, and suspension of rental increases, as was in place last year.
6. Requests the Mayor to urgently write to the Federal Treasurer asking for the Commonwealth Government to reinstate income support payments to assist workers and job seekers impacted by the most recent lockdowns, as was in place last year.