

**Submission
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OPTIONS FOR ESSENTIAL WORKER HOUSING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Mr Alex Greenwich,
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Legislative Assembly Select Committee on Essential Worker Housing
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Greenwich

Cobar Shire Council would like the two following resolutions of Council at its meeting of 25 July 2024 to be considered by the Special Select Committee on essential worker housing as they relate to the Terms of Reference.

Resolution :

Cobar Shire Council would like to see NSW Government include a whole of community definition of essential workers, including NSW State Government employees, Council employees and private sector providers of essential services and that;

1. All targeted incentives should be available under the wider definition of essential worker used in the pandemic and recognise the importance of services such as Aged Care, Health, Water/Sewer, Food Services, Pharmacy, Farming Mining and Electrical Workers. Priority funding should be given to areas where the housing market is particularly thin, and development does not attract private investment and

2. Consideration should be given by the State on how to best manage housing in rural and regional areas with the opportunity to amalgamate state housing management under one agency to ensure the best outcomes for occupancy and response to need.

Regards,


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