

ITEM 7.4	MAYORAL MINUTE NO 11/2022 - PROPOSAL TO INVESTIGATE OPTIONS TO INCREASE CAPACITY AT THE WOMEN'S SHELTER
TRIM FILE REF	2022/371203
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

BACKGROUND

On the Northern Beaches, domestic violence hit staggering levels during Covid-19 and the support services continue to struggle to meet with the increasing demand on their existing facilities and programs.

As a Council, we want to increase service provision for members of our community who are experiencing family and domestic violence. Therefore, I would like to ask staff to investigate the feasibility of improving and redeveloping the Council-owned facility.

I believe there is an opportunity to redevelop the site to provide increased capacity for their clients via maximizing the site's potential for additional accommodation.

Any investigation would also need to look at how we can support Women and Children First while any construction is undertaken by providing alternative accommodation and support.

I understand that this work can be undertaken within existing operational budgets and ask Councillors to join me in requesting staff to investigate the feasibility of improving and redeveloping the Council-owned site and provide a report back to Council for consideration within the next three months.

MOTION

That Council:

1. Investigate the feasibility of improving and redeveloping the Council-owned site.
2. Consider how Council can assist by providing alternative accommodation for the clients while any construction work is undertaken.
3. Provide a report back to Council for its consideration within three months.



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