

**ITEM 7.6**

**MAYORAL MINUTE NO 13/2022 - SUPPORT FOR THE  
NORTHERN BEACHES WOMEN'S SHELTER EXPRESSION OF  
INTEREST TO THE NSW STATE GOVERNMENT**

**TRIM FILE REF**

**2022/374303**

**ATTACHMENTS**

**NIL**

**BACKGROUND**

The Northern Beaches Women's Shelter are applying for funding from the State Government to purchase a property to provide additional accommodation for those in need.

As many of you are aware and as I stated in my earlier Mayoral Minute, domestic violence is a major concern, and our local shelters are not able to meet with the increasing demand for support. It is incredibly sad to think that across the State, Police respond to more than 140,000 domestic violence incidents annually and, tragically, on average, one woman is killed every nine days in Australia by a current or former partner. It is so important that we do whatever we can to support our local shelters.

NBWS is a non-profit, community-funded charitable organisation providing crisis accommodation, support, safety and services for homeless women across Sydney's Northern Beaches. They do an incredible job, but they rely heavily on fundraising. The State Government has made available funding under its Core and Cluster program which will deliver and operate new women's refuges and the Northern Beaches Women's Shelter will be submitting an Expression of Interest and have sought a letter of support from Council to assist their grant application.

In providing this letter of support, I want to demonstrate that we as an Elected Council fully support their efforts in securing funding. I am not able to provide details of the property they are seeking funding to purchase for obvious reasons and Council is only being asked to demonstrate our support of the work that the Northern Beaches Women's Shelter do for our community.

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**MOTION**

That Council provide a letter of support for the Northern Beaches Women's Shelter who will be lodging an Expression of Interest for funding under the NSW Government's Core and Cluster program.

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**Michael Regan  
MAYOR**