

# RICHMOND VALLEY COUNCIL POLICY REGISTER

**Policy No:** 2.6.1

**Reference:** Corporate Management - Policy; Environmental Management - Policy;  
Community Services - Planning, Policy

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<b>POLICY:</b>	<b>LOCAL HOUSING AFFORDABILITY</b>
<b>FUNCTION:</b>	Housing
<b>OBJECTIVE:</b>	To identify opportunity for housing that is aimed at meeting the gaps in the current market in terms of housing need and also Council's responsibility in relation to the creation of affordable housing.
<b>DIRECTORATE:</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</b>

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## **POLICY**

It is appropriate for Council to put in place a Policy for "affordable housing", being housing that is provided at one third of the income of the household. "Affordable Housing" is therefore aimed at meeting gaps in the current market in terms of housing need. The Policy outlines Council's responsibility in relation to the creation of affordable housing.

With respect to "Affordable Housing", Council aims to:

- Encourage affordable housing through the inclusion of provisions in the Development Control Plans and Local Environmental Plans (including considering innovative models such as turning single occupancy into dual occupancy);
- Ensure that proposals for affordable housing meet needs such as transport and services;
- Undertake continual improvements through Development Assessment procedures to reduce costs to developers of affordable housing;
- Identify Council owned or managed land that could be used for development for affordable housing particularly for the aged;
- Work regionally to identify ways to encourage affordable housing in the region;
- Work with State and Federal Governments (including applying for infrastructure grants) to reduce the costs for affordable housing;
- Collect and gather data on affordable housing and housing needs in the region and Local Government area and publish this data in Council's Social Plan.
- Develop relationships with affordable housing providers to encourage them to build and manage affordable housing on Council identified land.

## **VARIATION**

Council reserves the right to review, vary and/or revoke this Policy from time to time.