

24 June 2014

MATTER OF URGENCY - BURDEKIN ASSOCIATION'S YOUTH HOMELESSNESS SERVICE

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RESOLVED

Cr De Luca / Cr Daley

1. That Council notes:

A. That it was revealed publicly on 19 June 2014 that the Brookvale-based Burdekin Association's largest youth homeless services in the State may close due to the State Government's new funding arrangements of community services.

B. Burdekin have been unable to partner with Mission Australia.

C. \$700,000 is required for the Burdekin's Youth Homeless service to continue.

D. The Burdekin Youth Homeless service has run for 30 years and is the largest of its kind in NSW, caring for 340 children and young people aged 12-21 annually costing \$700,000 per year.

2. That Council:

A. Commends the Burdekin Association, its employees and volunteers for their outstanding work to homeless children and young people over the last 30 years.

B. Expresses its great concern with the new regime for funding of community based services that nearly resulted in the loss of the Bringa Women's Refuge at Dee Why and now risks the continuance of the Burdekin Youth Homelessness Service that caters for homeless children and young people across the northern beaches.

C. Calls upon the Minister for Family and Community Services, The Hon Gabrielle Upton MP to review the new regime of funding for community services to ensure that smaller community organisations that provide significant services to local communities are not disadvantaged by larger tenderers.

D. Calls upon the NSW Government to allocate the required funds to the Burdekin Association to ensure the continuance of the Youth Homeless Service on the northern beaches.

E. Requests the General Manager to forward a copy of this Resolution to The Hon Gabrielle Upton, Minister for Family and Community Services, all State Local Members: The Hon Mike Baird MP, Premier and Member for Manly, The Hon Brad Hazzard MP, Attorney General and Member for Wakehurst, The Hon Rob Stokes MP, Minister for the Environment and Member for Pittwater and Mr Jonathon O'Dea MP, Member for Davidson and the Mayors of Manly and Pittwater.