

5 PETITION - 'VAGRANTS' REAR OF SHOPS OLD PRINCES HIGHWAY, BEACONSFIELD

FILE REFERENCE INT1813893

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the petition received in regard to the presence of 'vagrants' at the rear of the shops at 4 Old Princes Highway Beaconsfield and advise the Property Manager for the site that as the persons and their belongings are on private land Council has no authority and no power to move them on; and that the petitioner be advised that the Body Corporate for the shops could seek a Court Order to have the couple and their belongings removed, potentially with the assistance of the Police.

Attachments

Nil.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A petition was tabled at the February Council Meeting raising concern with a couple living in a car at the rear of the shops at 4 Old Beaconsfield Highway, Beaconsfield and *'asking the Council to use their resources to remove the vagrants, car, rubbish and other household items from the rear of this premises*

BACKGROUND

Council has been aware of the presence of these persons in the car park at the rear of the shops in Beaconsfield and has been attempting to assist them in finding alternative accommodation but the couple have refused to take accommodation outside of Cardinia Shire. Unfortunately the couple have done nothing to improve their situation even after extensive support and assistance being provided from a number of local agencies to both address their current situation and provide alternative accommodation.

As the couple and their belongings are on private land Council has now authority to remove them or their belongings. The Body Corporate for the shops can seek a Court Order to have the couple and their belongings removed from the car park and at this stage this is the only practical option available to them.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL PLAN

Nil

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

Extensive consultation with the couple has been occurring through a number of local agencies to attempt to assist the couple however they have done nothing to improve their situation

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONCLUSION

The situation with the couple concerned is regrettable, however as Council has no authority to remove them and their belongings it is suggested that the Body Corporate for the shops pursue the option of seeking a Court Order to have the couple and their belongings removed.