

Councillor Cabada - MoN - State Government Immediate Action Support

Tuesday, 14 July 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Alfredo Cabada

Public

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MOTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Alfredo Cabada will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:

'That Council:

1. Notes the increasing visibility and impact of homelessness and rough sleeping within the City of Adelaide, including impacts on vulnerable people, public safety, amenity, businesses, residents, visitors and city confidence.
2. Notes that homelessness is a complex social issue requiring coordinated responses across housing, crisis accommodation, health, mental health, alcohol and drug support, family and domestic violence services, policing and specialist outreach.
3. Recognises that Council has an important role in city management, public realm amenity, local coordination and advocacy, but that the primary levers to address homelessness sit with the State Government.
4. Requests that the Lord Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Premier of South Australia requesting urgent State Government support for a coordinated response to homelessness and rough sleeping in the City of Adelaide.
5. Requests that the letter be copied to the Minister for Human Services, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Police, Minister for Health and Wellbeing, Minister for the City of Adelaide, and any other relevant Ministers.
6. Requests that the letter seek State Government to:
 - a) increased crisis and transitional accommodation options for people sleeping rough in and around the city;
 - b) expanded specialist outreach services, including after-hours and weekend responses;
 - c) improved coordination between State agencies, Council, SAPOL, homelessness service providers, health services and community organisations;
 - d) targeted support for people experiencing complex needs, including mental health, alcohol and drug dependency, trauma and family violence;
 - e) practical measures to improve public safety, amenity and cleanliness in affected city areas; and
 - f) a clear State Government plan for reducing rough sleeping in the City of Adelaide, including timeframes, responsibilities and reporting.
7. Requests that a copy of the letter and any State Government response be provided to Council Members.'

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. On Tuesday 24 February 2026, Council resolved to advocate to the State Government for an increased homelessness response. ([Link 1](#))
2. On 27 February 2026, Administration raised Council's decision at the Specialist Homelessness Services and Department of Human Services administrative update which discussed the State Government's Homelessness Services Review.
3. On 22 April 2026, the Lord Mayor sent a letter ([Link 2](#)) to the Premier of South Australia, with the Minister for Housing and Urban Development and Minister for Human Services copied, responding to each of the seven requests in the Council's resolution.
4. Further advocacy work by the City of Adelaide will be undertaken during the Lord Mayor's Homelessness Roundtable which will be held in August 2026.
5. The theme for the 2026 Lord Mayor's Homelessness Roundtable is Action to End Rough Sleeping. Senior State Government leaders from the Department of Human Services, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Health and Wellbeing, and the South Australian Housing Trust have been invited, with a focus on joined-up approaches towards ending rough sleeping.
6. Should Council resolve to support the proposed motion, the Administration will prepare a letter from the Lord Mayor to the Premier of South Australia requesting urgent State Government support for a coordinated response to homelessness and rough sleeping in the City of Adelaide.
7. This letter will be sent after the Lord Mayor's Roundtable so that the letter captures the key recommendations from the Roundtable and also considers the inclusion of permanent housing as a key part of the response, consistent with the City of Adelaide's Homelessness Strategy.
8. The letter will be copied to the Minister for Human Services, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Police, Minister for Health and Wellbeing, Minister for the City of Adelaide, and any other relevant Ministers.
9. The letter will request that the State Government:
 - 9.1. Increase crisis and transitional accommodation options for people sleeping rough in and around the city
 - 9.2. Expand specialist outreach services, including after-hours and weekend responses
 - 9.3. Improve coordination between State agencies, Council, SAPOL, homelessness service providers, health services and community organisations
 - 9.4. Provide target support for people experiencing complex needs, including mental health, alcohol and drug dependency, trauma and family violence
 - 9.5. Consider practical measures to improve public safety, amenity and cleanliness in affected city areas
 - 9.6. Outline a clear State Government plan for reducing rough sleeping in the City of Adelaide, including timeframes, responsibilities and reporting.
10. A copy of the letter and any State Government response will be provided to Council Members via E-news.

Should the motion be supported by Council, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained:	
Public consultation	Not applicable
External consultant advice	Not applicable
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Not applicable
Budget reallocation	Not applicable
Capital investment	Not applicable
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	Not applicable
Other	Not applicable

Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 5.5 hours.
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