

1. **OUR HOMES; OUR COMMUNITIES; OUR FUTURE
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL HOUSING CONFERENCE
24/25/26 OCTOBER 2001**

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The purpose of this report is to enable the Council to decide whether it wishes to send an elected representative to the above conference.

BACKGROUND

In 1998, Councillor Carole Anderton, Canon David Morrell (City Mission) and the Property Manager undertook a fact-finding visit to Australia as part of Council's on-going commitment to research social housing solutions that would benefit the delivery of the Council's housing vision in Christchurch.

A further opportunity is now available to do a follow-up visit, look at new models, hear/observe the latest in international trends/research and network with providers met in 1998.

The theme of the Conference, "Our Homes, Our Communities; Our Futures", explores the linkages between housing and other fields such as education, health, employment and justice. The Conference is hosted by the Queensland Department of Housing and the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI) and coincides with the release of AHURI research on housing issues.

The Conference is being held in Brisbane, Australia on 24/25/26 October 2001, and comprises plenary sessions, policy/research/practice and workshop sessions, panel discussions and keynote speakers including international experts.

As an adjunct to the conference, it is intended to spend some time with Brisbane City Council housing people to get a better understanding of social housing issues in that city, including the issue of homelessness.

Dependent on when airfares are booked, per person costs are as follows:

Registration	\$ 750.00
Air Fare (economy)	\$ 599.00 *1
Hotel (4 nights @ \$150)	\$ 600.00
Incidentals	\$ <u>150.00</u>
	<u>\$2,099.00</u> *2

*1 late booking airfare costs \$1,119.00

*2 late booking o/A costs \$2,619.00

Elected representative costs can be funded from either the Elected Representative international travel budget or from the Housing Development Fund (no cost on rates) – Policy Advice & Research.

Recommendation: That Mr Alister James represent the Council at the 2001 Australian National Housing Conference.