

Grafton Community Forum

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What we want to see for the region in this priority area in the next 3-5 years is	Increase supply and diversity Secure rental amounts Change community housing to rental model to affordable rental model (80% or private rental market rather than 25% of income) Mandatory for all levels of government	Affordable, accessible, reliable, 'light', frequent transport Needs assessment Cohesive plans in consultation with the community	More affordable health lifestyle programs (like healthy Clarence communities) Better infrastructure for exercise (wider or new footpaths or park exercise equipment) Mental health programs (particularly early intervention) and linkages to healthy programs Healthy eating programs for young people through school years and for people on low incomes	All levels of government (especially local) encourage and attract industry to come to the Clarence Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concentrate on areas of disadvantage (not scatter gun & not overall) • Reduce the gap between rich and poor • Keep young people in the area • Retaining young people in education esp. Aboriginal youth • Education – strong base for pathway from VET to University
Who is involved in this now?	Clarence valley council some federal – some state funding	Private companies – buses Local Government –	Council State/Federal Governments Gyms	Local Council not permitting new development state & Federal member not	

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	uniting care Anglicare St Vincent de Paul salvation army aboriginal housing community housing providers – NCCH CHL??	Roads – repair/development Community Transport	Aboriginal Medical service Community organisations like Rotary Cranes Fitness providers	lobbying effectively RDA need to be more proactive in lobbying through State & Federal Government	
How would we achieve this? What would need to happen? When?	Lobbying of state & fed Government to legislate appropriate funding levels creative incentive schemes for developers to get affordable housing such as long term commitment to NRAS State Government need to set bench marks for local Government supplying affordable housing training and skills development for	Establish need Consult Think of NEW alternatives Funding ++	Demonstrations of healthy cooking at affordable process State/Federal Governments programs (maybe Medicare) Possibly Coles or Woolies could run a program that has a celebrity chef look at reducing density of fast food outlets	Halts on casualisation of jobs – people who work casual cannot get loans, mortgages More follow up on missed opportunities Fostering diversity & encouraging other enterprises Need to promote the benefits of the Region & natural resources build tourism	

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	Aboriginal and Community Housing providers and staff				
What could you do to help?	Keep advocating Lobbying by local Government, NRSDC, Northern Rivers Housing Forum Clarence Valley Council to continue it commitment	Community could develop a workable model Lobbying Local, State & Federal representatives Research – look at other models across the world	Healthy Clarence Communities part of the program is training champions National Heart Foundation – BEAT It program Medicare Local could be interested Healthy Clarence Communities is federally funded and feedback, evaluation and recommendations to look at how we sustain lifestyle changes will be made	Lobby local, RDA, State & Federal Governments Promote decentralisation Provide a bonus to encourage industry to relocate here Unionisation – Telstra, NRE, Jail, abattoir. workers need strong lobbyists and advocates	