



Housing Affordability Policy

1. Policy Statement

The Shire of Denmark recognises housing affordability issues impacting residents. The Shire will implement actions, within its capacity, to facilitate and enable diverse and affordable housing development that meets the needs of current and future residents. The Shire will achieve this through an advocacy and partnership approach with key stakeholders and agencies.

2. Objective

To improve the liveability of Denmark, by increasing the diversity of housing options available, to maintain a diverse, inclusive and sustainable community.

3. Definitions

Affordable Housing	low-income or social housing.
Diverse Housing	development that provides a range of dwelling sizes that increases the supply and choice of housing in the local government area.
Housing Affordability	the relationship between expenditure on housing (prices, mortgage payments or rents) and household incomes.

4. Scope

This policy applies across Shire of Denmark operations for:

- informing the preparation of strategic and statutory planning documents to guide future town planning decisions;
- decisions on the use of Shire owned properties;

- partnerships with private enterprise, not for profit entities, State and Federal Governments, with respect to affordable housing developments and housing affordability measures.

5. Policy Commitments

The Shire of Denmark commits to:

- identify opportunities within the local planning framework to encourage affordable, sustainable and diverse housing.
- partner State Government and non-profit housing organisations to identify under-utilised public land for the provision of affordable housing.
- partner non-profit housing organisations to advocate for State and Federal government funding and incentives.
- advocate for non-profit housing organisations to plan, design and construct affordable and sustainable housing developments.
- streamline planning approval processes consistent with industry best practice.

6. Recording Requirements

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