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Mr Montgomery  
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Dear Mr Montgomery,

**LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Thank you for your correspondence of 30 July 2020 regarding the UNIT 80 – Community Building and Construction Program – Supporting Western Australian Families and Indigenous Australians. I can advise that the Commissioner is supportive of any initiative that has the potential to reduce crime.

Clearly the program has the potential to assist one of the governments key priority areas of Aboriginal Wellbeing. By offering social and affordable housing, training, work experience and employment opportunities, the program has the potential to assist to reduce some of the causal factors of crime.

The Western Australia Police Force would welcome an initiative supporting the prospect of providing unemployed youth and older persons a program that has the potential to reduce unemployment and reduce crime and extends well wishes for the success of the program in the future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Newman'.

PAUL NEWMAN  
INSPECTOR  
STAFF OFFICER  
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

8 September 2020



02/07/2020

Dear Mr Montgomery,

## **LETTER OF SUPPORT – UNIT 80 ACTION PLAN**

This letter confirms the City of Perth supports the vision of the Unit 80 Action Plan to provide work experience and up-skilling opportunities via the construction of affordable housing in local communities.

The City of Perth's current position on affordable housing is described in Council Policy No. 6.17 - Affordable Housing, adopted 18 February 2008 (Appendix 3). The Policy sets out various commitments including "continue to develop and expand the stock of public and community housing; encourage partnerships between the public and private sectors; pursue amendments to the planning system and develop planning policies to encourage affordable housing".

According to the policy, affordable housing is housing which is:

1. reasonably adequate in standard, safe, secure and appropriate to household needs;
2. well located in relation to services, employment and transport; and
3. targets low and middle income households on the lower 40% of the income distribution scale and where the mortgage or rent is no more than 30% of that household's income.

We would like to acknowledge the comprehensive information in the Unit 80 Action Plan, on the benefits of upskilling unemployed individuals in the construction and development fields, whilst simultaneously providing housing opportunities and engagement with their local community.

The City of Perth wishes success to Unit 80 in the implementation of the action plan.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Banks-McAllister  
General Manager Community Development Alliance

17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Brain Montgomery  
Unit 80  
Director of Programs  
By email: bryan\_safety@outlook.com

Dear Brain

**LETTER OF SUPPORT**

I write to express the support of Ability Housing for the proposed Unit 80 Action Plan to create meaningful work opportunities for those seeking to gain experience in trades related to the construction industry. I have reviewed the Program and note the potential it explicitly offers marginalized groups within our community.

In our work with individuals living with a disability, the beneficial social, economic and psychological gains from meaningful employment are profound, with those benefits extending beyond the gainfully employed indirectly to related carers and families.

I hope we will be able to support the project further with identifying work opportunities for Unit 80 within our development program.

Once again, congratulations with the creation of this practical innovative concept.  
I look forward to watching it evolve and realizing it's goals.

Kind regards



Astrid Timmers  
**Managing Director | Ability Housing**

24 June 2020

Our Ref.: D20/31412

To Whom It May Concern

Dear Sir/Madam

## LETTER OF SUPPORT

The City of Kwinana is very supportive of the vision of the UNIT 80 Action Plan with respect to the provision of work placements and significant employment of all ages, culture, religion, gender and ability of unemployed persons in constructing affordable housing in the Kwinana area.

The proposal is comprehensive and well-researched and includes a wide variety of identified funding sources, stakeholders, potential benefits. It addresses operational and risk management matters and delivers considerable community benefits.

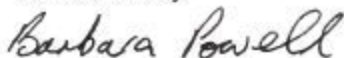
The venture is highly ambitious, however, programs like UNIT 80 have the potential to make a real difference in communities to individuals who may be experiencing social isolation, prejudice, unemployment, mental health issues and domestic challenges.

The work experience project aims to place participants in full time employment with qualifications that will benefit them well into the future by covering and/or contributing significantly to training costs, placing participants into 4 week work experience placements, and providing them with a participation job reference letter of recognition to increase their long term employability.

The initiative's benefits extend to community collaboration, involving local business support, and construction of affordable homes for those struggling to break into the current housing market.

The City of Kwinana is happy to support this proposal and we wish UNIT 80 every success in bringing this innovative venture to fruition.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Powell".

Barbara Powell  
Director City Engagement

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Dear Whom It May Concern,

## LETTER OF SUPPORT

The City of Fremantle supports the vision of the UNIT 80 Action Plan to provide work placements and significant employment of all ages, culture, religion, gender and ability of unemployed persons in constructing affordable housing in the Fremantle area.

The plan demonstrates a well-researched proposal which includes a wide variety of identified funding sources, stakeholders, potential benefits, operational and risk management and promotion of the enormous community benefits.

The proposal is highly ambitious however programs like UNIT 80 have the potential to make a real difference in communities to individuals who may be experiencing social isolation, prejudice, unemployment, mental health issues and domestic challenges.

The work experience project aims to place participants in full time employment with qualifications that will benefit them well into the future by covering and/or contributing significantly to training costs, placing participants into 4 week work experience placements, and providing them with a participation job reference letter of recognition to increase their long term employability.

The initiative's benefits extend to community collaboration, involving local business support, and construction of affordable homes for those struggling to break into the current housing market.

The City of Fremantle is happy to support this proposal and we wish UNIT 80 every success.

Yours sincerely



**Beverley Bone**  
Manager Community Development



8<sup>th</sup> July 2020

To Whom it May Concern,

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE UNIT 80 PROJECT

The Shire of Gnowangerup offers support to the UNIT 80 initiative that is aimed at providing local community members with skills and work experience in the construction sector. I think the initiative could be effective in tackling disengagement and will provide training and support to unemployed people living throughout WA.

The proposal is well researched and includes a range of resources, stakeholders and potential benefits to individuals and the community in which it is implemented.

I wish UNIT 80 the best with their application and hope that we can work together in the future.

Kind Regards



Bob Jarvis  
Chief Executive Officer



1 July 2020

Michael Read  
Director  
M/Construction  
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Dear Michael,

**UNIT 80, Creating Skills for the Future**

Thank you for the opportunity to learn more about your UNIT 80 Creating Skills project for the future and your application for funding.

Through a series of partnerships in the region (including South West Group, training and education service providers and our industry members), we have identified the construction and property sector as a key driver of our local economy. Affordable and inner City housing are crucial to also increasing the much needed residential population within our City centre.

As a local female leader and spokeswoman, I would like to offer my support to encourage, lead and guide women into trades within the construction sector. I believe they have a lot to offer and greater diversity within this industry would be a welcome site.

Post COVID-19 we are seeing unprecedented disadvantage among groups within our community that are facing unemployment for this first time. This program is one step to helping address that growing need and we applaud your efforts to bring together those in need, affordable housing and job/careers growth within this important sector of our economy.

Yours sincerely,

Dancia Quinlan

17 July 2020

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Dear Bryan

**Unit 80 Action Plan – Letter of Support**

Questus Funds Management Limited (Questus) is an Approved Participant under the Federal Government's National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) and has been involved in the delivery of over 4,000 affordable housing dwellings as part of the Scheme, which seeks to provide affordable rental housing to low to moderate income earners. Our involvement in this Scheme has highlighted the significant need for affordable housing across the whole of Australia.

Unit 80's Action Plan, which seeks to deliver a framework of support and training whilst providing people with the skillsets to enable their ongoing development, can only assist with the growth of the local community and wider economy as a whole.

We wish you every success in implementing this program.

Yours sincerely



**David Somerville**  
Chairman





Our Ref: 3/1:19776:DU:sjc

3 July 2020

To Whom it May Concern

Dear Sir/Madam

The Shire of Waroona is supportive of the vision of the UNIT 80 Action Plan with respect to the provision of work placements and significant employment of all ages, culture, religion, gender and ability of unemployed persons in constructing affordable housing in the Waroona area.

The proposal is comprehensive and well-researched and includes a wide variety of identified funding sources, stakeholders and potential benefits. It addresses operational and risk management matters and delivers considerable community benefits.

The venture is highly ambitious, however, programs like UNIT 80 have the potential to make a real difference in communities to individuals who may be experiencing social isolation, prejudice, unemployment, mental health issues and domestic challenges.

The work experience project aims to place participants in full time employment with qualifications that will benefit them well into the future by covering and/or contributing significantly to training costs, placing participants into 4 week work experience placements, and providing them with a participation job reference letter of recognition to increase their long term employability.

The initiative's benefits extend to community collaboration, involving local business support, and construction of affordable homes for those struggling to break into the current housing market.

The Shire of Waroona is happy to support this proposal and we wish UNIT 80 every success in bringing this innovative venture to fruition.

Yours sincerely

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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**Dr Chris Barr**  
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7<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Mr Brian Montgomery,

I am delighted to offer this letter of support for the UNIT 80 project. It is fantastic to see that you have developed such an amazing initiative that supports unemployed members of our community to re-engage with the workforce. This project will help combat the burden of mental health issues for many people which is often exacerbated by unemployment and isolation within the community. I am looking to seeing the impact of the project in the near future.

Well done.

Yours Sincerely

Dr Chris Barr MBBS, 5507004L

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# Don Punch

## MEMBER FOR BUNBURY



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29 July 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

### **LETTER OF SUPPORT**

I write to express my support for the vision held by UNIT 80 Action Plan to increase work opportunities for those less fortunate to construct social and affordable housing in Western Australia.

Unemployment is a concern and it will take a community wide approach to begin to reduce it. Such an ambitious program has the potential to make drastic improvements to the lives of those struggling to find work in Western Australia.

I would like to express my support again for the UNIT 80 initiative and I wish the program every success for the future.

Yours sincerely

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Don Punch MLA  
MEMBER FOR BUNBURY



# Perth Homeless Support Group Inc

*see the need and make a difference, without prejudice*



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**10 July 2020**

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express our support, on behalf of the entire Perth Homeless Support Group Inc. Committee, on the initiative "Unit 80 Action Plan", which aims to build homes and create employment opportunities in WA.

Each week, through our Sunday morning Outreach service, and through our Rescue Hamper Initiative, we see growing numbers of those experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness in Perth. We therefore strongly support schemes that will help to alleviate this urgent problem.

We are particularly keen on the potential to create training opportunities for those who wish to learn new skills to enhance their prospects of turning their lives around and gaining employment. The scheme also helps those experiencing mental illness and discrimination. We also feel that in the light of the recent COVID-pandemic, the need for employment, upskilling, and low-cost housing is now a major issue, as many in our community are in crisis, with looming unemployment an issue for many families and individuals.

We strongly believe the Unit 80 initiative is an ambitious project which will have only positive effects on the lives of local community in Perth and potentially throughout Australia, if it gains the support and momentum that is required for a project of this scale.

We wish this project every success.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fiona Burns'.

**Dr Fiona Burns**

**Business Support Officer  
Perth Homeless Support Group Inc.**

4 August 2020

To whom it may concern,

**Letter of In Principle Support – Unit 80 Action Plan**

Access Housing Australia Ltd, as a member of the Housing Choices Australia Ltd Group, is pleased to provide in principle support for the Unit 80 Action Plan.

We believe this innovative approach provides the vision for disadvantaged and/or marginalised people to gain meaningful work experience and skills capacity building in the construction sector, whilst assisting in increasing the supply of much needed affordable housing.

As one of WA's largest Community Housing Providers who manage, purchase and develop secure, sustainable and affordable homes for some of WA's most financially and socially vulnerable people, Access Housing recognises Unit 80 has the potential to make a real difference in people's lives and the greater community.

We wish the Unit 80 initiative every success in the future.



**Duane Moroney**

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3 July 2020

To Brian Montgomery

**Re Support for Unit 80 - Creating skills training development leading to future employment**

I write to confirm Women's Health and Family services support for this proposed programme. We have reviewed the programme internally and note the potential it offers to women and the capacity within this programme for participants TAFE fees to be covered. In our work with women trying to re-establish their lives and financial independence following domestic violence and abuse, alcohol and other drug addictions and mental health issues we regularly find that the fees associated with re-training are a significant barrier.

WA is in the unenviable position of having the worst gender pay gap in the nation whilst at the same time generating a proportionally higher economic output than other states primarily due to mining and construction projects. Creating opportunities for women to participate in these sectors is integral to improving WA women's lives and futures. Women's Health and Family Services is therefore not only supportive of this programme's approach but will also commit to providing operational support to any pilot that is established. We would see that we may be able to offer support and advice on operational policies and procedures relating specifically to women and be a referral source for counselling and other support services that female participants may require.

We congratulate you on the development of this concept and look forward to seeing this proposal translate into a successful pilot.

With kind regards

Felicite Black  
CEO

2 July 2020

Brian Montgomery  
UNIT 80  
By email: bryan\_safety@outlook.com

## LETTER OF SUPPORT

Dear Brian,

I am pleased to offer this letter of Support for the UNIT 80 Action Plan initiative. As you know Marawar is a local Nyoongar building & construction business set up to combat the low numbers of Aboriginal people participating in trades across the building sector. To date 50% of Marawar's workforce is Aboriginal and the majority were long term unemployed who were seeking an opportunity.

I believe the Unit 80 Action Plan to provide work experience placements to significantly increase employment to people of all ages, culture, religion, gender, sexuality and ability to construct an affordable housing development initiative is perfectly aligned with Marawar's core values.

The plan demonstrates a well-researched proposal which identifies funding sources, stakeholders, potential benefits, operational, risk, and the promotion of the community benefits.

The proposal is highly ambitious however programs like UNIT 80 have the potential to make a real difference in communities to individuals who may be experiencing social isolation, prejudice, unemployment, mental health issues and domestic challenges.

The work experience project aims to provide the participants opportunities for full time employment with qualifications that will benefit them well into the future by covering and/or contributing significantly to training costs, placing participants into 4 week work experience placements, and providing them with a participation job reference letter of recognition to increase their long term employability.

The initiative's benefits extend to community collaboration, involving local business procurement opportunities, and construction of affordable homes for those struggling to break into the current housing market.

Marawar, in conjunction with M/Construction, is happy to support and engage in partnership with the UNIT 80 initiative.

Yours sincerely,



Gerard Matra  
DIRECTOR



# Business Armadale Chamber of Commerce

Brian Montgomery  
UNIT 80 Director/Community Development Consultant

27 July 2020

**Ref: email dated 25 July 2020**

**UNIT 80, A Televised program Creating skills training development leading to future employment.**

Dear Brian,


As an organization representing the local business community, we would be please to support any initiative that would enhance the skills and job prospects for residents of our community.

This project which appears to target unemployed female youth would assist, hopefully, the high level of female unemployment that exists in the southeast corridor of Perth. We also have a large aboriginal population that experiences an above the average unemployment level for their demographic.

We will assist where we can and happy to play an advisory role when you ready to proceed with the project.

Henry Zelones OAM LGM JP  
Chairman – Business Armadale Chamber of Commerce

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# HON Donna Faragher JP MLC

Member for East Metropolitan Region  
Shadow Minister for Education and Training; Women's Interests

31 July 2020

Mr Brian Montgomery  
[Bryan\\_safety@outlook.com](mailto:Bryan_safety@outlook.com)

Dear Mr Montgomery

Thank you for your recent email regarding the proposed *UNIT 80 Building and Construction Program* you would like to have trialled in Western Australia and for meeting with me to discuss your concept further.

I appreciate you taking the time to inform me of your proposal which aims to re-engage participants into the community by offering them formalised training and assistance in gaining full-time employment. I understand from our discussions that participants would participate in a four-week programme and you are keen to involve the Department of Housing.

As per my commitment to you during our meeting last month, I have made contact with the Shadow Minister for Housing, Mr Tony Krsticevic MLA. I have taken the liberty of sending Mr Krsticevic a copy of the UNIT 80 Action Plan that you provided to my office for his information. I also advised Mr Krsticevic of your interest in meeting with him to discuss your proposal further. Mr Krsticevic has indicated that he is happy to meet with you and his office can be contacted on 9246 1800.

I would like to thank you once again for taking the time to meet with me to discuss the UNIT 80 program. I wish you all the best in your continued discussions with the Department of Housing as you develop your proposal further.

Yours sincerely

**HON DONNA FARAGHER MLC**  
Member for East Metropolitan Region  
Shadow Minister for Education and Training; Women's Interests

29 June 2020

Brian Montgomery  
UNIT 80 – Director  
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To Whom It May Concern,

**RE: UNIT 80 - COMMUNITY BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM**

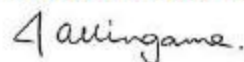
Pindan Group supports UNIT 80 and its vision to become the largest work experience traineeship employer within the Australian Building Industry, whilst generating business and providing affordable housing for the local community.

Pindan wholly supports the inclusion of all willing participants, regardless of culture, religion, age, gender, or disability. These are in line with Pindan Group's own Equal Employment Opportunity, Indigenous Affairs, and Young Workers policies, amongst others.

Pindan's Local Content policy is to provide fair and reasonable opportunity to participate in the supply of goods and services and to gain employment with Pindan, without discrimination. We are committed to creating economic development opportunities for local industry, while meeting State and Federal guidelines on local participation, as well as ensuring a select number of apprentices/trainees are engaged per project, thus we truly support the creation of new employment opportunities, and educational and community support via UNIT 80's construction program.

Yours sincerely

**PINDAN GROUP PTY LTD**



**JAMES ALLINGAME**

Pre-Contracts Manager



Our Ref: JGE:klsd

To Whom it May Concern

**Re: Letter of Support – Unit 80 Training / Employment / Affordable Housing Program**

The Shire of Leonora supports the UNIT 80 Program and its mission to provide construction skills training, employment and affordable housing to unemployed persons of all ages, cultures, religions, genders and abilities.

The UNIT 80 Action Plan presents a well-researched proposal that includes a range of funding sources, stakeholders and potential benefits to individuals and the community in which it is implemented.

The UNIT 80 Program may be an effective approach to addressing social isolation and disengagement being experienced by community members as a result of current economic downturn in addition to difficulties such as longer-term unemployment, prejudice, mental health issues and domestic challengers.

Benefits of the Program may extend to broader community collaboration, through the involvement of local businesses and the creation of affordable homes for those struggling to break into the housing markets.

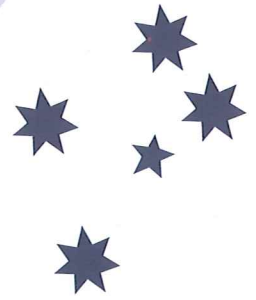
The Shire of Leonora is happy to support this proposal and we wish the UNIT 80 Partnership success in its implementation.

Yours faithfully,

**J. G. EPIS**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Shire of Leonora

15<sup>th</sup> July, 2020



To Whom It May Concern,

LETTER OF SUPPORT

I am writing to express my support for the vision held by UNIT 80 Action Plan to increase work opportunities for those less fortunate to construct social and affordable housing within the local Butler area.

Local unemployment is stubbornly high and it will take a whole-of-community approach to begin to reduce it. Such an ambitious program has the potential to make drastic improvements to the lives of those struggling to find work in WA, particularly in light of COVID-19 and the ensuing mental, physical and social issues that have followed in its wake.

In aiming to improve the employability of local residents who are struggling to find work, the initiative's benefits extend beyond that of job training. The total effect of the program will hopefully be to create meaning in peoples' lives while providing a vital supply of affordable housing to those who need it most.

I would like to express my support once again for the UNIT 80 initiative and we wish the program every success in the future.

Yours sincerely,

**JOHN QUIGLEY LLB JP MLA**

**Member for Butler**



# Josh Wilson MP

FEDERAL LABOR MEMBER FOR FREMANTLE



22 July 2020

To Whom it May Concern,

## Supporting the vision of the Unit 80 Action Plan

I am writing to express support for the UNIT 80 proposal to build 30 units under the Affordable Housing program. As I understand it this initiative will help to create significant employment and affordable housing opportunities in communities across Western Australia.

As the federal representative for the electorate of Fremantle, the issue of housing affordability has particular significance to many of my constituents, and it is therefore an issue I and my Labor colleagues have been particularly vocal about. This is because housing is a matter of foundational wellbeing. It should form the platform for our health, education, and employment outcomes, as well as our ability to feel included and participate in social activities. Safe and affordable housing is a basic human right, without which, everything else is contingent and at risk. This should be obvious now more than ever given uncertainty and instability brought upon individuals and families across Australia as a result of COVID-19.

The UNIT 80 initiative is an ambitious proposal that aims to support and include some of the most vulnerable individuals in our society, and I commend its worthy objectives. By providing employment and housing opportunities, it aspires to create positive outcomes for those experiencing mental illness, substance abuse, discrimination, and social inclusion. These are difficult aspects of life which no one should be left to face alone.

Unfortunately, acute and complex disadvantage exists even in a prosperous country like ours, and the only way in which poverty and inequality can be addressed, is by considering and supporting where appropriate the kinds of reform and practical measures that the UNIT 80 Action Plan represents.

Kind regards,

**Josh Wilson MP**  
Federal Member for Fremantle

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23 June 2020

Brian Montgomery  
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Dear Brian,

#### LETTER OF SUPPORT

JAXON supports the UNIT 80 Action Plan, as it aligns with our objectives in relation to creating employment opportunities in our local construction industry.

We are also supportive of initiatives that provide opportunities for unemployed members of our community to engage in activities that deliver positive outcomes for themselves and for society at large.

We commend the vision, mission statement and goals set out in the UNIT 80 Action Plan and wish the program every success.

Yours sincerely,



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To Brian Montgomery

Ref: UNIT 80 Creating skills training development leading to future employment.

The Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services is happy to provide this letter of support for the proposal lead by M Group to build 30 units under the Affordable Housing program.

The proposal to provide short term work placements for unemployed people, particularly women to expose them to the opportunity of future study and work in the building trade is to be commended.

Western Australia has the worst gender pay gap in the nation and the State governments plan Stronger Together: for gender equality recognises that one of the levers that can improve this are partnerships between government and the corporate sectors that improve women's employment in traditionally male dominated jobs.

We wish you success in your proposal.

Regards

Kedy Kristal

A/CEO

29<sup>th</sup> June 2020

17-7-2020

Mr. Brian Montgomery  
UNIT 80 Director of Programs/Coordinator  
CC. Mr. Michael Reed – Director of MGroup/MConstruction

Ref: Letter of support – UNIT 80 Building and Construction program creating skills training development, potentially leading to employment.

Patricia Giles Centre is committed to building a strong community free from family and domestic violence. For 30 years we have been providing a range of services for women and children experiencing and escaping family and domestic violence.

- ♦ We help them find safety, security and stability.
- ♦ We support and empower them to get mentally and physically well so they can get their lives back on track.
- ♦ We educate and collaborate – always working towards a future free from family and domestic violence.

Because of this we are fully in support of Mr. Montgomery's and Mr. Reed's vision regarding the UNIT 80 program where so many unemployed West Australians can participate and take on a work experience role, while also being recognized with a TAFE Cert 11 course in the building and construction industry, but also receive a letter of reference, that can go along way in gaining employment. Our female clients would relish this type of program and to be given the opportunity to gain that independence of gaining a skill and potential employment within the Construction industry.

We therefore not only support the program but would also be willing to partner UNIT 80 in any future funding for the construction of homes that are desperately needed for our organisation.

We believe the state government should give programs of this nature a fair go and support its vision.

Thank you for allowing us to participate

DocuSigned by:  
  
Regards  
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Kirsten Shearn  
Chief Executive Officer





25 June 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

**LETTER OF SUPPORT – UNIT 80 Creating skills training development leading to future employment**

I am writing on behalf of the Wanneroo Business Association to show support of the UNIT 80 Work Experience Action Plan Proposal. The proposal which will provide work experience placements and skills training development will assist in creating local jobs and aid the long term unemployed back in to work.

The need for creative projects like this is evident in Wanneroo. ID Profile data stated that in 2016, 27.7% of 15-54 year old's were disengaged from employment and education in the City of Wanneroo. The threat that COVID19 poses to these figures is significant, especially as Wanneroo had one of the highest rates of JobKeeper allowance claims in the state. According to current data from forecast.id.com, 11% of 15-64 year old's in Wanneroo are eligible recipients of Jobseeker and Youth Allowance in May 2020 alone.

In our opinion, this proposal could be effective in encouraging our unemployed people to upskill and gain the work experience necessary to ready them for work. The hands-on experience with training and access to industry is an exciting, once in lifetime opportunity that could be a life changer for some individuals, especially in the current economic downturn.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'LJ Bell'.

Lauren Bell  
General Manager,  
Wanneroo Business Association

Our ref: OLET-8730620  
Our file: COMPLA/ENQ/1

Brian Montgomery  
Director – Unit 80

## LETTER OF SUPPORT - UNIT 80 ACTION PLAN

I refer to your UNIT 80 Action Plan, which seeks to provide work placements and significant employment of all ages, culture, religion, gender and ability of unemployed persons in constructing affordable housing in the Bassendean local government area.

The work experience project aims to place participants in full time employment with qualifications that will benefit them well into the future by covering and/or contributing significantly to training costs, placing participants into 4 week work experience placements, and providing them with a participation job reference letter of recognition to improve their employment prospects.

The benefits extend to community collaboration, involving local business support, and construction of affordable homes for those struggling to break into the current housing market.

Whilst the proposal is highly ambitious, it does, if successful, have the potential to make a real difference to individuals who may be experiencing social isolation, prejudice, unemployment, mental health issues and domestic challenges. In turn, it would have significant benefits for the broader community, which the Town certainly supports

The Town of Bassendean wishes you every success with this venture.

Yours faithfully



Luke Gibson  
DIRECTOR COMMUNITY PLANNING  
26 June 2020

To Brian Montgomery

Ref: Unit 80 Building & Construction Training Programm – MConstruction and Marawar Building Services Support.

Both M/Construction & Marawar (50% Indigenous Owned,) are highly supportive and willing to take part in the **Unit 80 pilot program** which is created to provide actual **work experience** within the building industry to all willing unemployed West Australians who want to participate onto the program. We see a greater need for more people to undertake a skilled trade, especially among the female sector where there seems to be a massive shortfall of female trades personnel. We also like your enthusiasm, and persistence approach, where Unit 80 is prompting a hands-on approach that also involves the services of TAFEs, Educational Courses, Disability services, Indigenous Partnerships along with Mental Health, counselling and support groups. Like yourself, we also would like to encourage those with a disability to participate no matter their age, gender, culture, religion. We see this as a holistic method for getting more people interested and engaged in commencing a career in the building industry.

Regards



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8 July 2020

To whom it may concern

Dear Sir/Madam,

**LETTER OF SUPPORT - FUNDING APPLICATION – UNIT 80 CREATING SKILLS TRAINING DEVELOPMENT LEADING TO FUTURE EMPLOYMENT**

I refer to our recent discussions with the City of Bunbury regarding your proposal to submit a funding application to the Department of Communities under the Affordable Housing Program to undertake a pilot program consisting of the construction of 30 Accommodation Units.

I write on behalf of the City of Bunbury to confirm our support for this Innovative Pilot Program. The City supports the vision of the UNIT 80 Action Plan to provide work placements, significant employment and training opportunities. These opportunities will be inclusive of all ages, ethnic backgrounds, religion, gender and abilities of unemployed persons in constructing affordable housing in the Bunbury region.

The proposal presented demonstrates a well-researched proposal which includes a wide variety of identified funding sources, stakeholders, potential benefits, operational and risk management and promotion of community benefits including upskilling unemployed persons, permeant job prospects, economic growth to the Bunbury Geographe Region and positive social outcomes to the community.

In a time where the community is in the recovery phase of COVID-19 a program such as UNIT 80 have the potential to make a real difference in the community to individuals who may be experiencing unemployment, social isolation, prejudice and mental health concerns.

The project is seen as proactive and positive in that it aims to place a percentage of the work experience participants involved in the project in full time employment and providing them with the appropriate qualifications that will benefit their futures by covering and/or contributing significantly to training costs, placing participants into 4 week work experience placements, and providing them with a participation job reference letter of recognition to increase their long term employability.

The City of Bunbury supports the UNIT 80 vision and looks forward to seeing the results in our community. We would welcome working closely with Unit 80 and the Department of Communities to continue to not only raise awareness, but see the regional positive impacts to the South West.

The City of Bunbury hopes that your application is considered favourably, and we look forward to working with you to enable the delivery of such an important project within the region.

Kind Regards



M J (Mal) Osborne  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



# NYOONGAR OUTREACH SERVICES

6 July 2020

Dear Brian,

**RE: In principle support: UNIT 80 Concept Plan Initiatives**

Nyoongar Outreach Service Inc is pleased to support in principle the UNIT 80 Concept Initiative Plan.

The concept is innovative and has the potential to target the most vulnerable people in the community, mainly the Aboriginal people with employable skills that will increase their employment opportunities.

UNIT 80 Concept Initiative Plan has been well researched and included numerous enthusiastic potential partnerships from the construction industries and educational platforms.

The project has the scope to participate in the Non-Government Organisation homeless taskforce e.g. 50 homes50 lives, St Patricks Community Support, and the Housing Foundation to increase housing stock.

It is inspiring to see projects having a vision where community inclusion has the potential to include its own tenants in the construction of their homes and to acquire skills to gain future employment.

The initiative is in line with the Social Housing Economic Recovery Package (SHERP) developed which will be implemented in three phases in an effort to protect and create jobs, boost industry confidence and encourage WA prospective homebuyers to build new homes.

I wish Brian and the team off the best in making their vision a realisation.

Kindest Regards

Maria McAtackney  
Chief Executive Officer

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10/07/2020

Dear Sir/Madam

**Letter of Support – UNIT 80 Proposal**

The Western Australian Local Government Association is supportive of the vision of the UNIT 80 Action Plan with respect to the provision of work placements and employment opportunities, and the ability of unemployed persons to upskill for the creation of affordable housing.

The proposal is well researched and comprehensive, and includes a wide variety of identified stakeholders, funding sources and tangible benefits. Importantly, it has also addressed operational and risk management issues, while articulating potentially considerable community benefits.

An ambitious approach, UNIT 80 is to be congratulated for developing such a forward thinking multi-faceted approach. The benefits of this initiative include community collaboration, local business support and stimulation, training and development, and the creation of a much needed increase to affordable housing stock in Western Australia.

I wish UNIT 80 every success in bringing this innovative concept to fruition.

Yours sincerely

Mark Batty

**Executive Manager – Strategy, Policy and Planning**

*'We believe housing people can change the world, and they are a catalyst for a bright future'.*

30 June 2020

To whom it may concern

**Letter of Support - Unit 80 Work Experience Plan**

The Australasian Housing Institute (AHI) is pleased to support the Unit80 program and we fully support the proposal to provide work experience placements and skilled development to unemployed person.

As we are well aware, employment is critical to the strength of our communities and our economy. Providing members of the community, especially young people, who are disengaged with education and employment, the opportunity for meaningful work is critical.

I believe this initiative could be highly valuable to the community and address the underlying challenges the current economic environment has created. I also recognise the innovative nature of the program and the potential it has for applicability across Australia and in New Zealand.

The Australasian Housing Institute wishes Unit80 all the success in the further design and implementation of this proposal.

Yours sincerely



Mark Henderson  
Chief Executive Officer



COMMUNITY SERVICES

*Open Hearts. Bold Strides.*

12 August 2020

Dear Brian,

**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT - UNIT 80 ACTION PLAN & PROPOSAL**

I am writing on behalf of Ruah Community Services to express the organisation's support for the UNIT 80 Action Plan which will provide traineeship opportunities through the construction of affordable housing in key locations.

As well as increasing the availability of affordable housing stock in Western Australia, the Plan will offer participants who have experienced homelessness or insecure accommodation a pathway to home ownership. The construction of housing in strategically located sites which are well connected to public transport and amenities will also increase social connectedness and reduce isolation in the community.

Despite Federal Government stimulus measures, the COVID-19 pandemic will have a devastating impact on Australia's economy. The UNIT 80 Action Plan will help stimulate employment and empower people by providing them with training and accreditation opportunities. In particular, those disproportionately impacted by unemployment will benefit from the Plan, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Ruah is particularly supportive of UNIT 80's aim to extend traineeship opportunities to people of all backgrounds, regardless of gender identity, ability or cultural background. This aligns with Ruah's strategic goals to pursue innovation, work to end social issues, and reach people in our society, including those experiencing homelessness, domestic violence and mental health challenges.

I strongly believe that the Action Plan will have a positive impact on the community and wish UNIT 80 every success with implementing its proposal.

Yours sincerely

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Mark Slattery  
**Chief Operating Officer**





# Matt Keogh MP

Federal Member for Burt

*Shadow Minister for Defence Industry*

*Western Australian Resources*

*Assisting on Small & Family Business*

Ref: 2020023

To Whom It May Concern,

## **Supporting the vision of the Unit 80 Action Plan**

I am writing to express my support for the vision of the Unit 80 Action Plan, to create employment opportunities and secure affordable housing in communities across Western Australia.

The COVID-19 crisis has led to unprecedented economic setbacks and surging levels of unemployment, leaving many Australians facing economic uncertainty and difficulty looking after themselves and their families. It will take a whole of community effort to rebuild, and initiatives like the Unit 80 Action Plan will become increasingly important in helping our fellow Western Australians find economic stability again.

This proposal is ambitious but has the potential to make a real difference in communities like Burt, by providing work experience, traineeships, local business opportunities, and more affordable housing options. Importantly, if successful, Unit 80's plans would see much needed additional affordable housing stock created too.

Unit 80's aims to create positive outcomes for individuals experiencing social isolation, prejudice, unemployment, mental health issues and domestic challenges, are areas that it is so important for us to focus on as a community.

I commend the aims of the Unit 80 initiative, and I wish the project every success in the future.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Matt Keogh'.

**Matt Keogh MP**

6 July 2020

20 July 2020

To Whom It May Concern

Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Letter of Support for the Unit 80 Project**

The Shire of Coolgardie offers in-principle support to the Unit 80 initiative aimed at providing community members with work experience in the construction sector on affordable housing projects.

The Shire of Coolgardie is located in the Goldfields-Esperance region and encompasses an area of 30,400km<sup>2</sup>. It comprises the towns of Coolgardie, Kambalda, Widgiemooltha, and the Aboriginal community of Kurrawang.

The Shire has engaged with State and Federal government agencies over several years to increase public housing stock in region. According to data provided through the State Government's Department of Communities, in the Shire of Coolgardie –

*As at Census night 2016, there was an unmet demand for approx. 50 public houses (with a ranking of 38 out of 105 regional LGAs). This is classified as high priority for the Department.*

*For Affordable housing, there was an unmet demand (18 opportunities) - classified as neutral priority (ranked 47<sup>th</sup> out of 105 regional LGAs).*

Access to affordable housing is consistently raised as a critical issue in the Goldfields-Esperance region with the lack of housing increasing pressure on the rental market, which in turn affects the availability of public housing and the cost of private rentals.

With a 2% vacancy rate in the neighbouring City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, people accessing public housing in Coolgardie and Kambalda do not have options to seek alternative housing elsewhere; nor does the Shire wish to lose community members due to a lack of quality housing stock.

The Shire's community would greatly benefit from the initiative proposed which can be demonstrated by the following data:

#### ***Youth Disengagement***

- In 2016, 20.41% of 15 to 24 years olds were disengaged from education and employment compared to 10.47% in WA

### *Unemployment*

- Unemployment in the Shire is at 5.18% compared to Western Australia's State average of 4.91%
- 197 Income Support recipients reside in Coolgardie townsite with 59% identifying themselves as Indigenous

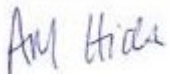
### *Other Factors of Disadvantage:*

- Youth Suicide was the second leading cause of death in 15 to 24-years – 1.2 times for males and 1.3 times for females
- Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas ranked the Shire the 23rd most disadvantaged area in Western Australia
- Coolgardie had a higher proportion of developmentally vulnerable children than the national average (27% vs 22%) - Australian Early Childhood Development Census –
- Median weekly income for people identifying as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households was \$843 compared to \$1,210 WA State average

The venture has the potential to make a real difference in regional communities where social isolation, unemployment and mental health issues are prevalent. The Shire of Coolgardie in particular has a demonstrated need for additional public housing stock and should this project be successful with government funding, it would bring significant benefit to the community.

The Shire of Coolgardie wishes Unit 80 all the success in bringing this project to reality.

Kind Regards,



Mia Hicks  
Director Economic and Community Development

Our Ref: CS.SPV.45 / LT20209659  
Cross Ref: EF20381599  
Enquiries: Tammy Flett

6 July 2020

To whom it may concern

**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT UNIT 80**

The City of Albany supports the proposed pilot program UNIT 80 which aims to provide work placements and employment for young, unemployed people in the Great Southern region.

The proposed program utilises a 'come and try' model for potential participants, giving them the opportunity to see if a career in building and construction is for them. Partnering experienced trades personnel with young people is a great way to foster mentorship and ensure their career gets off to a solid start.

This program has a direct link to the City's Youth Friendly Albany Strategy, particularly in relation to improving education, training and employment opportunities for young people. The City of Albany is happy to support this proposal and we wish UNIT 80 every success with its application for funding.

Should you have any further queries with regard to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Tammy Flett, Senior Community Development Officer on direct telephone 6820 3023 or via email [tammyf@albany.wa.gov.au](mailto:tammyf@albany.wa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



Nathan Watson  
**Acting Executive Director Community Services**

6 August 2020

Mr. Brian Montgomery  
Director / Community Development Consultant  
UNIT 80

Via email: [bryan\\_safety@outlook.com](mailto:bryan_safety@outlook.com)

Dear Mr Montgomery,

Re: UNIT 80 Action Plan

Thank you for your email dated 24 July 2020 to the Honourable Gerry McCarthy, Minister for Local Government, Housing and Community Development.

The UNIT 80 proposal appears to have many potential benefits to affordable housing, skills training and work experience for persons within disadvantaged communities.

The Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development looks forward to seeing the program successfully implemented in Western Australia, and how such a program might benefit the Northern Territory.

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 08 8999 8496 or at [owen.dutton@nt.gov.au](mailto:owen.dutton@nt.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



Owen Dutton  
Project Director  
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Department of Local Government, housing and Community Development

29 June 2020

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To Whom it May Concern,

### **LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE UNIT 80 PROJECT**

The City of Armadale offers in-principle support to the UNIT 80 initiative aimed to provide community members with relevant work experience in the construction sector on affordable housing projects. The action plan prepared by UNIT 80 is based on empowering people to develop skills, gain employment and stop the cycle of poverty which is often multi-faceted, complex and intergenerational. The Armadale community would greatly benefit from this project demonstrated by the following data:

#### *Youth disengagement:*

- In 2016, 14.6% of 15 to 24 year olds in the City of Armadale were disengaged with employment and education, compared to 9.4% in Greater Perth. In one suburb, 27% of young people were disengaged

#### *Education:*

- 48.5% of people living in Armadale completed year 12 (55.3 in Perth); 16% have a Bachelor or higher (22.9% in Perth); 23.6% have vocational training (19.4% Perth); and 3.4% are currently at university (5.1 in Perth).

#### *Housing stress:*

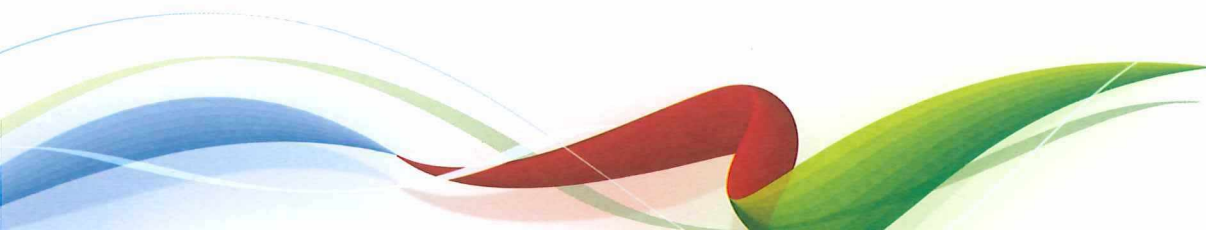
- 11.2% of people in the City reported having mortgage stress compared to 9% in Greater Perth. This number varies across the City from 6.3% in Bedforddale and 14.7% in Brookdale

#### *Unemployment:*

- Unemployment in the City is at 9.2% (8.1 in Perth) \*\*\*cannot find data which breaks unemployment into male and female stats
- Youth unemployment in the City is at 17.4% (16.2% in Perth)


#### *Other factors of disadvantage:*

- The median weekly household income is significantly lower than Greater Perth, and also lower than the WA median. The median household income in Armadale is \$1,493 compared to \$1,636 in Greater Perth. Some areas this is as low as \$901 (Armadale South).
- The City of Armadale has a SEIFA score of 994.0
- 55% do not do enough physical activity (compared to 36.5 in WA) - data from South Metropolitan Population Health Unit
- 45% of residents consume excessive alcohol (compared to 31.4% in WA)



I wish UNIT 80 the best with their application and look forward to working with the organisation in the future.

Yours sincerely

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Rebekah Milnes  
**Manager Community Development**



**ORANA HOUSE INC**

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13<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**RE: Letter of Support: UNIT 80 Action Plan & Proposal**

To Whom it May Concern,

I write to you in support of the Unit 80 Project on behalf of the Management and Staff of Orana House Inc. As a Women's Advocate Service, we are more than happy to hear of initiatives that support, encourage and change the future lives of women and their families. After reading through the Action Plan, including the Vision, Mission and Goals of the project we believe this could become quite a significant program in many ways to support women and give them a new sense of purpose.

As you may or may not be aware, Orana House provides crisis accommodation to women and children escaping Domestic and Family Violence. During their time with us, we assist these families to make the transition into a new independent life. We endeavour to educate, build self-esteem and introduce fun back to the lives of both mothers and children, helping them learn to find pleasure again in each other's company by teaching them new skills and giving them new experiences that they can share today and well into the future.

We believe, the Unit 80 Project could be beneficial to women's self-esteem, financial independence and assist with the never-ending shortage of long-term safe housing that our service continually finds difficult to secure for our families so they can leave us. We were particularly impressed with the thought plan of the location aspects of the building project as these are all high list requests, we require for all our exiting families.

Along with the above, the benefits to local communities also seem to be covered, skill levels increasing with more trained professionals in the building industry, more work related opportunities specifically for women who have not had the opportunity to build previous work history for many reasons and in time, communities with more financially independent families living within.

We look forward to watching the development of this project and believe it to be a well researched initiative with many positive gains to be made by the likes of women who have come through our service, who are looking for a challenge and a step up into a future of education, work and personal satisfaction of themselves.

As stated earlier, Orana House Inc is supportive of this project and wish Unit 80 all the best in achieving their goals, which will one day fulfill the dreams of women we may work with in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Regina Collier  
Assistant Manager



# St Bart's

29 July 2020

Mr Brian Montgomery  
Unit 80 Director / Community Development Consultant  
Via email: [bryan\\_safety@outlook.com](mailto:bryan_safety@outlook.com)

Dear Brian

## RE: UNIT 80 Project

St Bart's is supportive of the vision of the UNIT 80 Action Plan to increase work opportunities and housing for those less fortunate, through the provision of work placements and significant employment for all ages, culture, religion, gender and ability of the unemployed.

The work experience project aims to place participants in full time employment with qualifications that will benefit them well into the future by covering and/or contributing significantly to training costs, placing participants into a 4 week work experience placement and providing them with a participation job reference letter of recognition to increase their long term employability.

It's fantastic to see such a great initiative developed and we hope to be able to partner with you in having St Bart's residents somehow involved going forward and wish you every success with this ambitious project.

Yours sincerely



**Samantha Drury**  
Chief Executive Officer





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6 August 2020

To Whom It May Concern

***LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE UNIT 80 PROJECT***

Shire of Mundaring is pleased to provide in principle support to the vision of the UNIT 80 project. Key to this plan is the provision of work placements and the development of job skills in the construction sector. This is an ambitious plan which has the potential to support the skill development of some 600 people. The advent of COVID-19 has seen an increase in homelessness and the loss of jobs. An ability to address both of these challenges through a cohesive and supportive program would have far reaching benefits to participants. Further, local trades and business would be stimulated as their services were used in the development of this project.

If successful, this proposal has the potential to make a difference to those experiencing homelessness, a loss of connection due to job loss, mental health challenges and disengagement from their community.

We wish UNIT 80 the very best with their application and look forward to seeing the outcomes of this initiative.

Yours sincerely

**Shannon Foster**  
**MANAGER LIBRARIES & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**



Our Ref: D-20-0001079

1 July 2020

**To whom it may concern**

**RE: UNIT 80 PROGRAM**

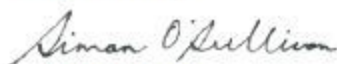
The Tamala Park Regional Council (TPRC) is a local government formed in 2006 to implement the urban development of 180 hectares of land in Clarkson and Mindarie in Perth's northern suburbs that is jointly owned by seven Perth local government authorities. The development project is marketed as Catalina Estate, where approximately 1000 residential lots have been constructed to date.

The TPRC has received correspondence in relation to the UNIT 80 Program, which seeks to address a range of issues relating to unemployment, trade-skills and mental health by undertaking a large housing development as the centrepiece of a supervised building and training program for participants.

The TPRC considers that the UNIT 80 Program has potential to provide valuable training and practical experience in various aspects of the construction industry, including opportunities to entice women to a career in construction, and in doing so provide participants with skills development and a sense of self-worth and purpose.

The TPRC supports the vision underpinning the UNIT 80 Program and believes that initiatives of this nature warrant support from all levels of Government and the business community.

Yours sincerely



Simon O'Sullivan  
MANAGER PROJECT COORDINATION

24 June 2020

To Whom It May Concern

**LETTER OF SUPPORT – UNIT 80 WORK EXPERIENCE ACTION PLAN**

I am writing in support of the UNIT 80 Work Experience Action Plan Proposal to provide work experience placements and skills training development, designed to support unemployed persons living in the City of Wanneroo.

According to ID Profile data, in 2016, 11% of 15-24 year olds and 16.7% of 25-54 year olds were disengaged with employment and education in the City of Wanneroo, these figures are expected to rise significantly as a result of COVID-19 with current data indicating 11% of 15-64 year olds being eligible recipients of Jobseeker and Youth Allowance in May 2020.

<https://forecast.id.com.au/wanneroo>

I believe this initiative could be effective in tackling disengagement and providing support to unemployed persons in the community particularly youth and individuals who may be experiencing difficulties as a result of the current economic downturn.

The City of Wanneroo wishes UNIT 80 every success with implementing its proposal.

Yours sincerely



**Steve Marmion**  
Manager, Advocacy & Economic Development

# Dr. Tony Buti MLA

B.P.E (Hons), Dip Ed, M.I.R., L.L.B (Hons), D.Phil.



Member for Armadale

## LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE UNIT 80 PROJECT

I write in support of the UNIT 80 initiative aiming to provide work experience and qualifications in the construction industry for unemployed and at risk youth.

This initiative would be attractive in many regions of Western Australia – city and rural. It would also be particularly useful within the Armadale region.

The Armadale area would benefit greatly from this project as the following data indicates this is an area of high need.

The rate of people seeking work in the City of Armadale area is currently at 11.3% which is 2.54% higher than the greater Perth unemployment numbers.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population is 3.9% which is 2.3% higher than the greater Perth area.

Currently the Armadale region has a serious need for vocational training programs to provide pathways into long-term employment for youth and the older unemployed seeking retraining.

With the local population forecast to grow to 151,896 by 2041, any initiative providing educational and employment opportunities to meet the increased demands of the future is most welcome.

I urge you to give every consideration to an application from UNIT 80.

Yours sincerely



**DR TONY BUTI MLA  
MEMBER FOR ARMADALE**

24 July 2020





16 July 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Letter of Support – UNIT 80 Project**

The Shire of Carnamah is, in principle, broadly supportive of the goals of the Unit 80 project.

The Action Plan appears well researched, with identified stakeholders, funding sources and potential benefits. It also addresses operational and risk management issues.

UNIT 80 is to be congratulated on developing an initiative that could support and stimulate local business, involve significant community collaboration, provide training and development, and provide much needed afforded housing stock in Western Australia.

While, we will not be actively participating in the project, we wish UNIT 80 every success in bringing this innovative concept to fruition.

Yours faithfully,



Vin Fordham Lamont  
Chief Executive Officer



25 June 2020

To Whom It May Concern

**LETTER OF SUPPORT – UNIT 80 TRAINING / EMPLOYMENT / AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM**

The City of Vincent supports the UNIT 80 Program and its mission to provide construction skills training, employment and affordable housing to unemployed persons of all ages, cultures, religions, genders and abilities.

The UNIT 80 Action Plan presents a well-researched proposal that includes a range of funding sources, stakeholders and potential benefits to individuals and the community in which it is implemented.

The UNIT 80 Program may be an effective approach to addressing social isolation and disengagement being experienced by community members as a result of the current economic downturn in addition to difficulties such as longer-term unemployment, prejudice, mental health issues and domestic challenges.

Benefits of the Program may extend to broader community collaboration, through the involvement of local businesses and the creation of affordable homes for those struggling to break into the housing market.

The City of Vincent is happy to support this proposal and we wish the UNIT 80 Partnership success in its implementation.

Yours sincerely

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**Virginia Miltrup**  
Executive Director Community & Business Services