We received a total of 387 responses to the housing needs survey. Thank you to everyone who participated.

The consultation, running from 27 October to 5 December 2014, was undertaken to assist with the drafting of the new Housing Strategy for Hobsons Bay.

The survey was open to existing and future residents of Hobsons Bay and contained key questions focusing on current and future housing needs.

Over half the respondents said they were planning to move house over the next 10 years, although the majority (64 per cent) were planning on staying in the same suburb or area within Hobsons Bay.

The key reasons for moving included either upsizing (31 per cent) or downsizing (21 per cent).

Consultation was also undertaken with some real estate agents across the municipality to understand the market demand for housing in Hobsons Bay. The key points included:

- demand for single level living
- demand for smaller dwellings
- preference for lower maintenance properties
- preference for no Body Corporate
- more options for retirees wanting to downsize but stay in the same area

What happens next?

Information from the first round of consultation is currently being analysed and along with demographic forecasts and other relevant data, will be used to inform the drafting of the Housing Strategy.

Further consultation on the draft strategy will be undertaken once it has been finalised.

How it relates to the New Residential Zones

The Housing Strategy will guide the location of new housing needed to accommodate a growing and changing population.

The Housing Strategy is the key document that will determine where the New Residential Zones should be applied.

For further information on the Housing Strategy and other related strategies, please visit: participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au or contact the Strategic Planning team on 9932 1089 or email strategicplanning@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au.
Current housing needs

Housing tenure

- 15% Rent - private landlord
- 3% Rent - housing association
- 4% Other eg living with parents
- 0% No answer provided

Why do you live here?

• Close to the beach
• Affordability
• Close to the CBD
• Close to public transport
• Great location/area!
• Close to shops

Are you living in the type of house you want to live?

69% YES 31% NO

Future housing needs

Are you planning to move house in the next 10 years?

52% YES 46% NO 2% Unsure/No answer

Why people might need to move?

The main reasons for people needing to move in the future are to either:
- Upsize (31 per cent)
- Downsize (21 per cent)
- Different location (20 per cent)

How might housing needs change in the next 10 years?

Some of the key requirements respondents included were:

Property
- Lower maintenance
- More bedrooms
- Cheaper household costs
- Less bedrooms

Location
- Stay in the same location
- Closer to the train station
- Quieter location
- Closer to shops/services

Are you planning on moving out of Hobsons Bay?

19% Move 63.5% Stay 17.5% Unsure

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