

# ***Draft Elderly Persons Housing Policy 2021: Summary of feedback***

**To support hearings and deliberations 11 & 12 May 2021**

1.1.1. General Elderly Persons Housing comments

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<b>FEBERY, Sophie</b>	3 / 196	Submitter is strongly supportive of social housing for elderly. Believes that it's hard enough living on a pension, and submitter is very happy to subsidise their housing by own rates. Believes we need more housing of this sort, and it needs to extend beyond just "elderly". Submitter sees people who don't meet the criteria for elderly housing and end up living in caravans because they have other medical issues that restrict their ability to rent at market rates. Notes that this is not acceptable in a developed country and growing district. Suggests that we desperately need options for these people and urges Council to care for people first and build more social housing in Methven and Ashburton for not just elderly but those with medical challenges too.	Council has looked at this in the past and considers there are other organisations better placed to undertake this function <i>Colin Windleborn</i>
<b>HUNT, Perry</b>	4 / 298	Believes Council should not be in the business of providing social housing that is central Government's role.	Noted <i>Colin Windleborn</i>
<b>JONAS, Brian</b>	5 / 310	Requests that all complexes should be smoke / vape free immediately, including the outside area.  Suggests all tenants should have 'renters' insurance to avoid Council incurring costs when tenants are negligent.	All new tenancy agreements are smoke free. Council can't legally make tenants have insurance cover, however tenants are advised to have contents insurance. <i>Colin Windleborn</i>
<b>KEEN, Arthur</b>	8 / 319	Suggests that the activity should be run with 2 staff in the office and 1 maintenance person.  Suggests that the units shouldn't come under Commercial Property, they should be independent.	Currently there are two staff in the property team who look after the tenant side of EPH among their other work, and two staff who look after the maintenance of the units. <i>Katelyn Roddy-Dixon</i>
<b>LOGAN, Marion</b>	11 / 345	Believes that housing the vulnerable elderly is not the only group vulnerable that have housing needs. Asks if Council is actively supporting cohousing, tiny living, and other options to support vulnerable, and notes that there is a growing class of	Council is not the provider of these types of services but could be seen as a

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		working poor families and those struggling with mental health, addiction in need of healthy affordable homes.	facilitator/enabler in the future as with the recent agreement with Haven Housing. <i>Colin Windleborn</i>
<b>RAKAIA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION</b>	13 / 479	Submitter points out that Rakaia has the need for EPH units and would like to see a small village of some sort with a live in support person.	Council does provide 2 units and has undertaken an assessment of future needs for the type of housing Council provides. The submitter's proposal has merit and will be discussed with appropriate providers of this type of service. <i>Colin Windleborn</i>
<b>STEVENS, Gordon</b>	14 / 564	Believes Council may need to consider more capacity.	Noted