

Affordable high-rise units get green light in Woolloongabba

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A new affordable housing high-rise development in Woolloongabba has been recommended for approval by Brisbane City Council.

The development, put forward by not-for-profit Brisbane Housing Company, will add 32 affordable units to the inner city's housing stock.



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City planning committee chairman Matthew Bourke said the committee recommended the 126 Cornwall Street development's approval as it would benefit the city.

"We are committed to providing new housing that accommodates population growth and ensures that Brisbane continues to be a great place to live, work and relax," he said.

"This new development would make sure that even more people have a safe space they can call their own."

Cr Bourke said the nine-storey development included an open-air communal area, rooftop seating and barbecues for residents, and gardens, a new pathway and

trees around the building.

The property will also have 13 residential car parks and five visitor spaces that include disability parking.

"Residents want to be close to the services they need and the lifestyle and leisure opportunities they want, and this inner-city location is close to dining and entertainment precincts as well as public transport," he said.

Greens councillor Jonathan Sri (The Greens) said, in a rare move, he supported the higher-density development.

"I only felt comfortable supporting it as it's a non-profit project in a sensible location that complies with boundary setbacks and is well below the maximum height limit for this area," he said.

"Most developers try to max out site coverage and squeeze as many apartments onto a block as possible, whereas this applicant has included more green space and a community room.

"We urgently need to increase the supply of non-profit housing around Brissie, particularly in suburbs like Woolloongabba where private rentals are becoming prohibitively expensive for people on lower incomes."

However, Cr Sri said he wished there was greater public notification of such developments.



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