6.2 Public Toilets in Centrelink/Services Australia Building

NOTICE OF MOTION LISTED BY CR PERCY THOMPSON

TO 19 OCTOBER 2022 ORDINARY MEETING GOV400098, A0100035, GOV400022

MOTION

That Council:

- 1. investigate to see if the Centrelink building where they are doing up the building, is still going to have a public toilet for the public to use; and
- 2. contact the appropriate minister to see if it's OK to not have a public toilet if the proposed new fitout of the building is not going to provide public amenities.

Background

The building has always had facilities and for customers experiencing long waiting times, especially the elderly, having no toilets closeby will be a problem. The few public toilets that Council do provide are too far away from the centre and then the customer is forced to wait in the line again.

Officer's comments

Council recently (27 September 2022) received a Complying Development Certificate issued by a Private Certifier for Internal Configurations to No. 34 Byron Place (Ground Floor Only), known as Centrelink.

The Private Certifier has classified the building as a 'Class 5' pursuant to the Building Code of Australia (BCA), Volume One. In accordance with Table F2.3 of the BCA Volume One, sanitary facilities need only be provided for employees in a 'Class 5' building, and there is no requirement to provide sanitary facilities for patrons (i.e. customers).