

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Rate Relief for Mascot Towers Owners**

Bayside Mayor Bill Saravinovski announced today that Bayside Council will defer rate payments for unit owners impacted by the recent evacuation of 1-5 Bourke Street, Mascot, if requested.

"Anyone impacted by the current situation at Mascot Towers should write to Council seeking a deferment," Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

"Council can provide assistance under its *Rates Hardship Policy* which allows it to enter into an arrangement with the ratepayer in an emergency situation."

Mayor Bill Saravinovski also said a deferment would provide owners with some breathing space.

"Council has also agreed to use its powers to waive any interest that accrues during the period of non-payment," Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

Ron Hoenig, the Member for Heffron, welcomed and thanked the Mayor for Council's positive response to requests for assistance by ratepayers in the affected building.

"This announcement today offers some relief to the owners who are already under duress with no clear date of when they may be able to return to their homes," Mr Hoenig said.