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## CO-OPS COULD DELIVER SERVICES

GOVERNMENTS should look to use co-operatives and mutuals to provide public services such as child and aged care, transport and housing, the head of the county's largest co-operative has said.

Andrew Crane, chief of grain handler CBH Group, made the comments at the launch of a national business council for the sector.

The Business Council of Cooperatives and Mutuals opened in Melbourne yesterday. It aims to raise public awareness about the sector.

Mr Crane said there was greater scope for co-operatives and mutuals to provide indemand public services.

"One of the areas we see a real opportunity for growth is in public-sector mutuals," Mr Crane said.