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John McKenna
Chair
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Sent via: DeborahG@communityhousing.org.au

Dear John

I refer to your request for my position on social and affordable housing and the role of community housing industry delivering the housing that New South Wales needs.

Housing affordability and action on homelessness are priority issues for me and should be for all members of Parliament. I have asked the government to treat homelessness as a state emergency, introduce a 15 per cent social and affordable housing target and invest in a program to build more social housing, including in the inner city and I opposed public housing selloffs in Millers Point. I champion the Everybody's Home campaign.

Community housing has a vital role in addressing the housing affordability crisis by helping to house the 60,000 families on the social housing waiting list. The community housing sector has the ability to increase social housing investment through innovation and access to rent assistance, and generally has a good track record with tenant satisfaction.

A major step-up in public housing title transfers to community housing providers should coincide with safeguards to ensure that all providers are inclusive of all tenants, tenants' rights are not reduced, property sales are restricted particularly in the inner city where values remain high and there are avenues for members of Parliament to pursue complaints and get action.

I hope to work with you to see the community housing sector grow if I am re-elected.

Yours sincerely



Alex Greenwich
Member for Sydney

