

AN OPEN LETTER

To Premier Dominic Perrottet and Treasurer Matt Kean,

NSW is in the midst of a housing vulnerability crisis.

With interest rates and rental prices rising, more people are struggling to keep a roof over their heads. Housing affordability and supply is at a crisis point and our most vulnerable citizens are shouldering the most challenging impacts as a result.

But long-term underfunding in social housing means there's nowhere for them to turn.

Currently more than 50,000 people are on the waiting list for social housing in NSW with average wait times in many parts of the state more than 10 years.

They are left to find shelter on couches or in cars, caravans parks and even the streets.

These are everyday people - who may have fallen on tough times or had a major life incident like an illness or a marriage break-up.

They are women and children, the disabled and the unwell.

In times like these, we are all vulnerable.

That's why together, we're calling on you to make a real and long-term commitment to invest in community and social housing.

Community housing, delivered by not-for-profit for purpose organisations is the safety net for those who face housing vulnerability.

We know when people make it into community housing their lives are transformed and that every person who falls through the cracks is a squandered opportunity.

Safe and secure housing should not be something people have to queue years for - it should be part of the social infrastructure of a prosperous state.

Signed by,

