



Sydney  
ALLIANCE



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NSW Premier Chris Minns  
NSW Treasurer Daniel Mookhey  
NSW Minister for Planning Paul Scully  
NSW Minister for Lands and Property Steve Kamper  
NSW Minister for Housing & Homelessness Rose Jackson

Dear Premier, Treasurer & Ministers,

The undersigned unions, community and faith organisations urge the NSW Government to finance Labor's commitment made before the 2023 election that for all development and homes built on surplus government land at least 30% be mandatorily required to be set aside for social and affordable housing. This commitment was made in the [media](#), in [Labor's own document](#) but also directly in front of the Sydney Alliance at the [2023 Feb 28th Assembly in Westmead](#).

We recognise the establishment of Homes NSW and a raft of planning changes ready for implementation as an essential underpinning for delivering on this commitment.

We are encouraged by the Stockton announcement on the weekend and are particularly pleased with the shift towards affordable and social housing *in perpetuity*, a critical component of our advocacy for many years.

The community eagerly awaits the audit of government land that was committed before the election and Minister Scully stated at the Housing Now conference at Rosehill Racecourse on 26 October 2023 that the audit would be ready by the end of 2023. Our view is that this audit should be made public.

The NSW Government is one of the largest landowners in Australia, the NSW Government cannot solve the housing crisis without at least 30% social and affordable housing committed from sales of its own land.

The community will not consider measures as credible action to resolving the housing crisis without;



- **At least 30% provision** social and affordable housing on all sites currently owned by the NSW Government. The Alliance will actively oppose any moves to sell land for development without this commitment.
- **Provision in the 2024-2025 budget.** The NSW Government is approaching 1 year since its election and still the community has not seen all of the enabling policies and the budgetary measures in place to deliver on the commitment.
- **Housing must be delivered in perpetuity**, to implement the lessons from NRAS and not repeat the mistake where market actors benefitted from selling off ‘affordable housing’ at market rates only 10 or 15 years after the buildings were built.
- **Policy at scale**, we will not accept a few boutique examples of applying 30% or greater, that while individually worthy, do not address the required catch up left by inaction of previous governments. We note that NSW stock of social housing (public and community) is now below 5% of all housing stock and this program must ensure that substantial numbers of additional social housing are delivered.
- **Delivery by NFP community housing providers or the government itself, and not for-profit market actors.**
- **A publicly accessible and centralised framework to monitor affordable housing across NSW as it is approved, built and delivered.**
- Feasibility studies are made **including** the mandatory % of social and affordable housing not made on **whether** the social and affordable housing is feasible.
- **Integrated communities**, we expect 30% inclusion of housing to be on-site or better placed **within the same LGA**, i.e better delivered close to transport nodes, services etc. The community will not accept a repeat of 20th Century policies that led to concentrations of disadvantage at the city’s edges.



We look forward to celebrating the announcement of these policies and their provision in the 2024-2025 budget. The commitment for 30% affordable and social housing was made to the people of NSW and the civil society organisations and bodies undersigned.

We expect and look forward to the delivery of these measures in 2024.

### **Members of the Sydney Alliance & Hunter Community Alliance**

Australian Conservation Foundation	Family Inclusion Strategies Hunter	NSW Jewish Board of Deputies
Arab Council Australia	Fresh Hope Housing Inc (Ministry of Churches of Christ in NSW)	Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Parish Chatswood
Australian Conservation Foundation	Glenrock Anglican	Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Parish Epping
Australian National Imams Council (ANIC)	Hamilton Uniting Church	Parramatta-Nepean Presbytery of the Uniting Church
Baptistcare NSW & ACT	Healthy Connection for All	Rail, Tram and Bus Union NSW
Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney	Hunter Ageing Alliance	Salvos Housing
Catholic Diocese Maitland-Newcastle	Hunter Presbytery of the Uniting Church	Settlement Services International
Catholic Diocese of Parramatta	Hunter Renewal	Shelter NSW
CatholicCare Social Services Hunter Manning	Hunter Tenants	Sisters of St Joseph
Catholics in Coalition for Justice and Peace (CCJP)	Jesuit Refugee Service Australia (JRS)	Solar Citizens
Charlestown and Garden Suburbs Uniting Church	Mission Australia (Metro region)	St Francis Social Services
Climate Action Network Australia	Muhajirin Association for Community Development Inc	St Vincent de Paul Society NSW
Climate Action Newcastle	MacquarieCare	Sydney Community Forum
Community Disability Alliance Hunter	National Tertiary Education Union	Sydney Policy Lab
Community Migrant Resource Centre	National Zakat Foundation	Tenants' Union of NSW
Faith Housing Alliance	Nature Conservation Council of NSW	The Wilderness Society
	New City Church	United Workers Union
	Newcastle Climate Change Response	Uniting
	Nova for Women and Children	Uniting Church Synod of NSW ACT
		Wesley Mission
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Northmead Uniting Church

The Humanism Project

Women's Reconciliation Network