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Minister for Social Housing



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Dear Mr Blunt

I write in relation to the Select Committee Report on *Social, Public and Affordable Housing*, released in September 2014.

I note my predecessor, the Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP, wrote to the Select Committee in March 2015 thanking the Committee for its work and advising that a response to the Committee's recommendations would be a matter for the incoming Government.

I also wish to convey my appreciation for the Committee's work and contribution to the reform process. As you would be aware, the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) released a discussion paper on the future of social housing in NSW in November 2014.

The public response to the Discussion Paper was both substantial and encouraging. Over 900 submissions were received and many people and organisations provided constructive suggestions at open public consultations held across the State and at roundtable discussions on specific issues. FACS is currently analysing the input received and will publish a summary in the near future.

Reform of the social housing system is a very complex and challenging area for Government. In my new capacity as Minister for Social Housing, I am keen to hear first hand from people about their ideas for reforming the social housing system. I will therefore be holding a public forum on social housing issues this month.

Following the public forum, the NSW Government will finalise its reform directions and release a new Social Housing Policy Framework mid year. The Government will provide a detailed response to the Select Committee's report at that time. This timing will allow the Government's response to reflect the reform directions.

Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Ms Georgina Harrison, Deputy Secretary, Strategic Reform and Policy on 9248 1805 or email georgina.harrison@fac.s.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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