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Inquiry into the allocation of social Housing
We held our tenants meeting this morning we discussed
Current levels of funding for the development of new housing stock

The residents were not able to answer that question but it is my opinion when housing stock comes available or when old stock needs fixing waiting list for new tenants should go down and maintenance should improve.

The effectiveness and appropriateness of housing allocations?

We talked the lack of resources for people with a drug problem and people with a mental illness and it has been established that the mobile treatment team does not work at night according to residents and there have been incidents brought such as throwing of furniture to drug dealing

Tenants had reported that the Saturation is getting Worse
Tenants feel that people from different backgrounds are being mixed together

The Dept of Housing had agreed we have to meet the needs of everyone

Transfer

Transfer was discuss if a tenant wanted to transfer to another area within NSW they would need to meet a certain criteria interstate transfers are not available
I recommend Interstate transfers are made available

Choices

You do not have a real choice where you live when you rent with Dept of Housing you are given 3 offers when you come of the waiting list

I recommend Dept of housing give people real choice where people want to live

Role of Community Housing in meeting the demand for social housing as above

Any other related matters

In any housing the right support need to be there so the Obligations in that area should fall onto the Dept of housing

It is my opinion that the commonwealth gov should share some of the cost

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