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Select Committee on Social, Public and Affordable Housing
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
Sydney NSW 2000

**Re: NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into Social, Public and Affordable Housing -
Questions on Notice**

Dear Select Committee on Social, Public and Affordable Housing,

Please find below Shellharbour City Council's responses to the questions on notice taken during the hearing.

Do you know what the percentage of public and social housing is in your local government area?

In 2011 Shellharbour Local Government Area had 7.7% public and social housing.¹

On page 2 of your submission, you talk about the State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) affordable rental housing and also dual occupancy but you mention that with the SEPP affordable rental housing there has not been much interest but there has been with the dual occupancy....Have you got any numbers since?

Shellharbour City Council has received, considered and determined a number of applications for secondary dwellings under the SEPP, however as a proportion of dual occupancy developments, this form of housing is minor.

Regrettably, Council cannot produce reliable data on the number of dual occupancies approved as those approved under the Affordable Housing SEPP have not been entered into Council's Development Application Register in a consistent manner. Based on data available, with the correct code entered, Council has recorded 10 secondary dwellings/dual occupancy applications since 2009.

I am interested to know, from both councils, whether you made application to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to have affordable housing incentives

¹ Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2011, Census of Population and Housing 2006 and 2011. Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id.

embedded in your LEPs. We are talking about a legislative requirement. Did you actually make the application, as some councils did, to have those provisions in a LEP or DCP?

Shellharbour City Council has never made an application to have affordable housing incentives or strategies embedded in our LEP or DCP.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on _____ if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

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