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SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

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Ms Glenda Baker  
Senior Council Officer  
Legislative Council  
Parliament House  
Macquarie Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Ms Baker

**Inquiry into homelessness and low-cost rental accommodation**

Thank you for the opportunity to give evidence before the Standing Committee on Social Issues.

Please find attached some minor corrections to the transcript of evidence. As you will note, the corrections are minor and relate predominately to the value of the assets transferred from the ACT Government to CHC Affordable Housing (CHC) – namely \$40million as opposed to the \$50 million stated. The assets have recently been re-valued in excess of \$50 million – the figure I nominated.

In addition, I stated that the company does not accept or receive recurrent funding (refer page 71). This is also requires qualification. The ACT Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services provides grant funding totalling \$250,000 for providing affordable housing to lower income thresholds eligible for public housing, at a rebated rent, calculated at 25% of household income generally consistent with the formulae in use by Housing ACT, plus Commonwealth Rent Assistance. The funding Agreement period runs from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2010. Financial assistance receivable per annum is up to \$250,000 (GST exclusive), paid quarterly in arrears on provision of reporting requirements.

In respect of Ms Sinclair's oral evidence, Ms Sinclair provided a range of income levels for CHC's affordable and National Rental Affordability tenants – refer page 78. In this regard, a number of income ranges were incorrectly stated. I attach CHC's Income Range Eligibility Criteria for the Committee's reference.

Should you wish to discuss these changes further, please contact me on 6248 7716.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Craig Brennan', written over a horizontal line.

Craig Brennan  
Chief Executive Officer

Applicant Type (a)	CURRENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA - Income Ranges						
	Public Rebated Rent (1)		Affordable Rent (2)		NRAS (3)		AFF & NRAS
	Entry Limit	Upper Limit	Entry Range	Upper Limit	Entry Range	Upper limit	Growth Limit*
Single Applicant, no children	\$0.00	\$28,288.00	\$28,289.00	\$47,000.00	\$28,289.00	\$40,501.00	\$50,626.00
Family of two persons and joint tenancies	\$0.00	\$35,828.00	\$35,829.00	\$55,991.00	\$35,829.00	\$55,991.00	\$69,989.00
Family of three persons	\$0.00	\$40,612.00	\$40,613.00	\$55,991.00	\$40,613.00	\$55,991.00	\$69,989.00
Family of four persons	\$0.00	\$45,396.00	\$45,397.00	\$69,423.00	\$45,397.00	\$69,423.00	\$86,779.00
Family of five persons	\$0.00	\$50,180.00	\$50,181.00	\$82,855.00	\$50,181.00	\$82,855.00	\$103,569.00

(a) **Applicant Type:** Terminology consistent with DHCS - Eligibility for Public Housing guidelines

1 **Public Rebated Rent:** Linked to DHCS income guidelines ONLY

2 **Affordable Rent:** Entry limits linked to DHCS upper limits, upper limits linked to NRAS upper limit.  
EXCEPTION: Single Applicant upper entry limit remains at \$47,000

3 **NRAS:** Linked to NRAS Act 2008, Consequential Amendments Bill Act 2008 & Regulations

*A tenant occupying an Affordable or an NRAS residence ceases to be an eligible tenant once the tenant's income level exceeds the growth limit in 2 consecutive years.*

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