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

Dear Select Committee

### **Inquiry into Social, Public and Affordable Housing**

Access to a stable, safe, secure and clean home is a necessity for everyone and a basic human right. Inner city social housing needs investment.

The Auditor General showed that social housing has reduced over the past decade and meets less than half of community need. There are long waits for social housing and very limited chances to buy or build new homes in the inner city. We should not be selling inner city social homes.

Selling Millers Point homes and relocating tenants will have a major impact on the community and push more tenants with health and welfare problems to areas away from transport, services, jobs and support. It will undermine the supportive and caring community and cleanse the area of lower income people, removing diversity.

More than 60 government-owned homes in Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks are now empty! This is a disgrace.

Funds are needed to address the backlog of maintenance on public housing to make them safe and protect government assets.

***The government should retain Millers Point social housing, invest in more low cost housing in central Sydney and address the maintenance backlog.***

***Please recommend this urgent action.***

Yours sincerely

Signed

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