

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO SOCIAL, PUBLIC AND AFFORDABLE
HOUSING**

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Committee Chair
Legislative Council Select Committee on Social, Public and Affordable Housing
By email socialhousing@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Dear Chair

Inquiry into Social, Public and Affordable Housing

I write to provide you with a copy of the City's submission to the Legislative Council Select Committee Inquiry into Social, Public and Affordable Housing inquiry.

Providing residents with secure, appropriate and affordable housing is a critical priority for a sustainable, liveable, efficient and culturally vibrant city. In Sydney, particularly in the inner city, there is a significant and growing shortage of social and affordable housing and an urgent need for policy responses.

The City welcomes the inquiry and the opportunity it presents to identify measures to protect and maintain existing social and public housing, and to facilitate the increased provision of affordable housing in our local council area.

The City has prepared a submission to the inquiry that responds to its Terms of Reference, outlines the City's social and affordable housing position and recommends reforms that the NSW Government could undertake to increase the supply of affordable housing and improve service integration and management of existing social and public housing stock.

The City has set its own targets of 7.5% of all housing in our local council area to be affordable housing and 7.5% to be social housing by 2030. These targets can only be achieved with a comprehensive package of reforms and policy framework implemented across all levels of government in partnership with the private and community sectors. We look forward to working with the NSW Government to meet the demand for the sustainable supply of social and affordable housing in inner Sydney.

Should you wish to speak with a Council officer about the City's submission, please

Yours sincerely,

Monica Barone
Chief Executive Office

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