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**INQUIRY INTO SERVICES PROVIDED OR FUNDED BY
THE DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND
HOME CARE**

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My submission concerns AGED CARE PROVISIONS in the Metropolitan area of Sydney.

There is a serious shortage of affordable housing for pensioners who have few or no assets.

The rental prices particularly in my area (2068 - Willoughby) are not affordable for those on a pension, even with Centrelink assistance.

We need a three-tier building to house at least 100 people and that will, in time, prove insufficient but it would be a good start. The three-tier facility should contain:

1. self care dwellings
2. dwellings attached to a facility providing care + meals
3. high care facilities for those with a medical condition (such as incontinence, or diagnosed conditions - cancer - MS - CFS - Chronic Pain and the resulting disability - all those who are unable to dress, clean or care for themselves in dwellings 1 or 2.

We also need to provide a facility for those suffering from mental illness - not just a centre where they can go to be distracted and entertained but somewhere with medical care and medication as required under supervision.

I thank you for giving me this opportunity to voice my submission.

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