

**Submission
No 1**

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

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---"I believe that current housing stock which are government assets paid for by the taxpayers of NSW, should remain an asset of the State. Under a similar arrangement to other State owned properties and assets which are either leased at peppercorn rent or contractually arranged as being under only a "Care,Control and Management" arrangement.

It is imperative that these assets not be either gifted or sold to private service providers because once tenure passes those assets can be then sold by those service providers for the organisations profit. There have been other losses of a similar manner ,such as the Crowle Home site -" managed" by Achieve Australia, and now redeveloped for private flats with , 15% usage for disabled people .

This means uncertainty for the most vulnerable people needing affordable housing, particularly people with disabilities. People, including people with disabilities, need housing in their community and many larger disability service providers have become businesses which regard the dollar as their prime consideration, not the welfare and well-being of the person with disability. Any government-owned housing stock should include a contractual agreement that they be maintained so that they will remain available for disability housing in the community and an asset of the NSW taxpayer."