



MAKING HOUSING AFFORDABLE

For all Canberrans

Our plan to take real action on housing affordability

The ACT Greens believe that everyone should have somewhere safe, secure and decent to live. That is why we will invest in affordable housing for all Canberrans.

Housing affordability affects many Canberrans - new homeowners and vulnerable communities alike. The Greens are committed to helping first home owners enter the market, supporting low income earners to find sustainable and secure tenancies and ensuring vulnerable members of our community have somewhere safe and decent to live. The ACT Greens are committed to improving affordable housing for those in need.

The ACT Greens will:

- » Adopt the principle that wherever possible 10% of housing on all infill sites owned by government be dedicated to affordable housing.
- » Develop a new Affordable Housing Action Plan that will put the community first and achieve real progress towards targets;
- » Review the income/asset test for the target of 20% Greenfields housing to make sure the Plan is meeting this target;
- » Create and maintain a permanent Affordable Housing Action Plan steering committee, made up of community, government and industry stakeholders to oversee the effective implementation of the Affordable Housing Action Plan;
- » Include a representative from the social housing sector on the Land Development Agency Board to help guide decision making; and

- » Create a more even spread of social and affordable housing across Canberra by developing a clear and transparent “salt and pepper” policy that will guide future developments.

The ACT Greens will put the community back into the LDA:

Government Land Organisations have a key role to play in urban development. They can address market failure by providing leading edge developments that showcase housing affordability, energy efficiency and design excellence. However in Canberra, there is currently a perception in the community that the ACT’s Land Development Agency is largely driven by financial interests and is not operating within a rigorous and community endorsed planning framework.

The ACT Greens will broaden the expertise of the LDA Board to include:

- » A representative from the social and/or affordable Housing Sector
- » Expertise in innovation and design excellence;
- » A community representative; and
- » It will be required to report publicly against key performance measures.