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Dear Commissioners,

We welcome the opportunity to make a submission on the Draft Greater Sydney Region Plan and revised District Plans. The Sydney Alliance calls on NSW Government, to adopt a Sydney-wide mandatory inclusionary scheme to expand the supply of affordable rental housing with effective targets.

The Sydney Alliance, with more than 40 faith community, union, and educational member organisations, continues to advocate strongly for the adoption of effective targets for affordable rentals in new developments. The Sydney Alliance wants to work constructively with the Commission and the NSW Government to help shape an inclusive vision for our city.

Our deep-rooted engagement

Over the past twelve months, the Sydney Alliance has actively engaged with the Greater Sydney Commission (GSC) and its plans. We have campaigned for an inclusive, sustainable and just city where everyone has a place to call home. We have organised public events across Greater Sydney, attended public consultations organised by the GSC, signed petitions for more affordable housing and engaged with the Commissioners and the GSC staff throughout the initial exhibition period for the draft District Plans and *Towards Our Greater Sydney*.

While we hope that we have been heard, we are still confronted by targets that are, by all accounts, too low to put a real dent in the growing and urgent need for affordable housing, and there is no clear timetable for their introduction.

As we pass the one year anniversary of the release of *Towards Our Greater Sydney*, we are still without projections for the future of social and affordable rental housing. The GSC has not proposed any overall numerical targets for the supply of affordable housing in each of the three cities (Greater Parramatta, Harbour CBD, Western Sydney) of our future metropolis and has not modified the plans for 5-10% affordable rental housing targets.

We do, however, applaud the collaboration and steps taken to make better connections between planning for the *Greater Sydney Region Plan* and the NSW Government's vision for metropolitan transport planning *Future Transport 2056*.

Sydney's worsening and accelerating levels of rental stress

With around 145,000 Sydney households (for 2013-14)ⁱ experiencing housing stress in the private rental market and this number growing faster than Sydney's population growthⁱⁱ, our ambition is for this unmet need for affordable rental housing supply to be reduced quickly so that Sydney becomes a place that is liveable and inclusive for everybody.

Greater Sydney Region Plan does outline a number of current and proposed policies across the housing continuum. However, it remains unclear whether the combination of these measures is commensurate with the projected future needs. The Sydney Alliance recognises that the GSC alone cannot solve the affordable housing crisis - —a whole-of-NSW Government approach is crucial. The

Attainable affordable housing targets

We therefore call on the NSW Government to adopt an affordable housing supply strategy - —a 20-year program that closes the supply gap and builds 8,000 affordable rental dwellings pa to complement and contribute to the Greater Sydney Commission objective of general housing supply to meet Sydney's projected population growth.

Inclusionary zoning at the heart of an affordable housing supply strategy for our city

We support a mandatory scheme of affordable housing targets that forms the centrepiece of this strategy and is capable of delivering up to 4,000 dwellings, annually, once fully implemented by councils and transitional issues have washed through the planning system. The Government needs to and can do more. Other measures such as direct government funding and the unlocking of government land value should provide the balance of the annual affordable housing supply target.

Accordingly, the Sydney Alliance will continue to campaign for the NSW and local Governments to adopt meaningful and effective targets for affordable rentals in new developments. There is simply not enough housing that is affordable for people on low to moderate incomes – housing that is also stable, well-located (close to jobs, public transport, educational, health and other services), appropriate (for family size, disability, ageing, cultural and other needs), safe and enabling.

The Alliance also welcomes the Commission's support for measures that would improve tenants' security of tenure and make renting fairer through improvements to the laws governing standard tenancy arrangements, such as eliminating no-cause evictions.

Local decision-making as the platform for an effective affordable housing scheme

The Sydney Alliance also strongly backs the proposed institutional arrangements for operating the Affordable Rental Housing Target (ARHT) scheme.

A uniform, consistent policy framework provided by the Greater Sydney Commission, embedded in legislation and implemented by local councils, can ensure both flexibility and transparency as well as accountability and a level playing field.

A coherent framework will ensure that the arrangements are not administratively burdensome for councils, developers or the Greater Sydney Commission. Council driven implementation avoids overly centralised control and reduces the risk of bureaucracies that just focus on the high-profile areas and miss satisfying some of the diverse needs of the three-cities of Greater Sydney.

Communities now made up of owner and renter interests become engaged when they are also beneficiaries, can voice their opinions and have a measure of control over the scheme and the allocation of affordable rental dwellings to registered local providers managing them on their behalf.

All these attributes will prove to be invaluable as councils and their local communities quickly become attuned to spotting opportunities for best matching needs, extending supply and avoiding waste by targeting to households in need.

Tackling the key issues

Our submission focusses on a set of the key recommendations for the ARHT scheme and includes a rationale for each of our recommendations.

The recommendations reflect the urgent housing need right across Sydney, the vast scale of the task of providing a home for everybody struggling to rent in the most unaffordable city in Australia, and the need for enduring solutions that keep people well housed and out of homelessness.

They also reflect how the debate has moved forward since our last submission to the Commission in March 2017 and that since then the case for affordable rental housing targets has built momentum. While we acknowledge some helpful changes have been made in this process, we are greatly concerned that three key issues highlighted in our first submission still remain and require a much stronger response:

- 1. Greater commitment to Affordable Rental Housing**
- 2. Transparent accountability**
- 3. Fairer access to Affordable Rental Housing**

This submission draws chiefly on the data and information provided in the Greater Sydney Regional Plan itself and the Commission's associated documents to support our case. However, NSW Government housing-needs data for well-informed decision-making still remains an inexplicable evidence gap that needs to be urgently remedied in the next phase.

To truly represent the values of and provide an inclusive vision of the people for Sydney the following recommendations are made for ARHT proposed in the draft Greater Sydney Region Plan and the revised District Plans.

12 Key Recommendations

Greater commitment to Affordable Rental Housing

Recommendation 1

Higher targets are adopted for ARHT with 15% target on private land and 30% on public land to help meet the large unmet housing need for affordable rental housing across the Districts. These targets should apply to the whole of the development not just to the uplift.

Recommendation 2

NSW Government adopt a policy on the development of surplus government owned land to promote the supply affordable rental housing.

Recommendation 3

Consistent with recommendation 2, the provision of affordable rental housing on State and Commonwealth government owned land is made mandatory for government agencies disposing or developing surplus land for residential or mixed-use projects to complement requirements on private developers to address affordable rental housing targets.

Recommendation 4

The target set for a specific area undergoing upzoning or rezoning within a precinct should maximise the amount of affordable rental housing produced, factoring in both the type of landowner and the density increase proposed for the specific area ahead of, or accompanying, the rezoning approval.

Recommendation 5

Housing supply targets for LGAs include indicative numerical 10-year supply targets for affordable rental housing agreed by councils, based upon each council's housing need study of their existing and future residents.

Recommendation 6

Affordable Rental Housing Targets, while specified for areas undergoing redevelopment, are not limited to defined precincts but apply to all land zoned for residential or mixed use across Greater Sydney. As a general rule, the targets should apply to land rezoned after the Region Plan's commencement of date, first through Voluntary Planning Agreements or other mechanisms, and then incorporated into Local Environmental Plans as they are made.

Transparent accountability

Recommendation 7

Affordable rental housing is provided in perpetuity and be owned and managed by registered Community Housing Providers to ensure effective targeting of assistance and a continuing high standard of service.

Recommendation 8

The proposed development feasibility testing, assumptions and exemptions are shared with the public and incorporate business tested risk return margins that meet community expectations. Exemptions to targets are to involve independent adjudication.

Recommendation 9

The NSW Government together with the Greater Sydney Commission act to prevent the loss of affordable housing supply opportunities by implementing an effective supply strategy during the transition to new Affordable Rental Housing Targets, with the transition arrangements commencing March 30, 2018.

Fairer access to Affordable Rental Housing

Recommendation 10

All affordable rental housing is constructed to universal design standards, which include space and liveability criteria, to ensure our most vulnerable community members current and future housing needs.

Recommendation 11

Affordable rental housing will be let at an affordable rent, of up to 30% of household income. Affordable Rental Housing Targets schemes which provide housing in perpetuity should be given preference over policies that only produce time limited affordable rental housing outcomes.

Recommendation 12

Affordable rental housing eligibility should be extended to moderate income households who are in demonstrable housing stress in the private rental market consistent with existing provisions of SEPP 70.

The Sydney Alliance has always endeavoured to work constructively with business, government, community and workers to find and implement solutions that advance the common good. In that spirit, we ask that you consider increased, accountable and consistent inclusionary zoning as part of the Greater Sydney Region Plan and revised District Plans to address the housing crisis and inequality in Sydney. But we also ask that this and other housing and transport decisions be considered within a broader moral vision of justice and an abiding ethic of working for the common good of all.

A Sydney truly governed by the Commission's vision of a sustainable, productive, liveable and community based city will be a city of welcome; a Sydney governed by a vision that tempers economic necessities with realistic but unflinching compassion and fairness will be a world-class city that welcomes all its residents.

We recognise the work you have done, and for the opportunity to respond to the Draft Greater Sydney Region Plan and revised District Plans.

However, because of the urgency of Sydney's housing crisis for so many vulnerable Sydney-siders who rent un-affordably, we hope that the promise of an effective ARHT scheme adopted by the NSW Government is now not far off.

If you would like to discuss these matters further please contact me on ph 0417 487 052 or at email: Magnus.Linder@churcheshousing.org.au. Alternatively, you can reach Sydney Alliance Lead Organiser, David Barrow at dbarrow@sydneyalliance.org.au

Yours sincerely,

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Rationale for Recommendations

Stronger commitment to Affordable Rental Housing

Recommendation 1

Higher targets are adopted for ARHT with 15% target on private land and 30% on public land to help meet the large unmet housing need for affordable rental housing across the Districts. These targets should apply to the whole of the development not just to the uplift.

Rationale

Higher, more ambitious affordable rental housing targets are required because of the size of the housing need in the rental sector, the attendant harm this urgent problem is producing for vulnerable households, the resultant loss of productivity to our economy and the patently inadequate affordable rental housing supply coming from existing social housing and planning measuresⁱⁱⁱ. A robust and transparent viability test will ensure that the target does not impede the economic viability of projects.

AHURI research estimates that Greater Sydney requires at least 4,000 to 8,000 additional affordable dwellings per annum to meet the needs of low and very low-income households^{iv}. Sydney Alliance enquiries to the GSC revealed that only a fraction of this demand will be met by the ARH targets and that these numbers relate to the current backlog in supply and do not address the additional demand stemming from Sydney's projected population growth of another 1.7 million^v people by 2036.

Recommendation 2

NSW Government adopt a policy on the development of surplus government owned land to promote the supply affordable rental housing.

Rationale

The public sector holds physical, financial, corporate assets in the pursuit of policy objectives not for its own sake or for the creation of profit. In pursuing policy objectives, the government assessment of value is based upon the interests of society as a whole and is not solely an assessment of value to the public sector alone.

While our members have diverse views about selling public assets, we believe as a general principle that if public land has been put up for sale and suitable for residential development, it should include good-quality and genuinely affordable housing – driven by what local communities need and want. The inclusion of

affordable rental housing will reduce income inequality, and to ensure there is opportunity for upward mobility in our society and in our economy.

The following key principles and objectives should inform this policy framework:

- *The sale or development of government owned land, that is suitable for housing, should include or otherwise provide affordable housing nearby.*
- *The conditions of disposal of land suitable for housing are to be informed by whole-of-government considerations that include the unmet need for affordable housing in the Local Government Area alongside other priorities.*
- *For land that has been rezoned to a higher density, the ARHT applicable for private land in the precinct include an additional government contribution - of up to 15% - for affordable rental housing, resulting in a maximum target of 30%.*
- *For land that has not undergone rezoning that is for sale or for housing redevelopment, 5 % - 10% target of new homes as affordable rental housing applies to the project. (as per the NSW Landcom Housing Affordability and Diversity Policy, September 2017).*
- *Numerical targets for affordable housing supply, linked to government owned land, apply for the initial three years of the adopted Greater Sydney Region Plan, as the NSW planning system transitions to incorporate the ARHT scheme (see Recommendation 9).*

A whole-of-government policy about affordable housing supply on government owned land will bring greater clarity, consistency and certainty to the process for communities, property developers, councils and NSW and Commonwealth governments.

This policy would complement the *Commonwealth Property Disposal Policy* announced on 4 December 2017 that promotes the inclusion of affordable housing initiatives.

The policy would seek to integrate and link with the proposed ARHT, Landcom's *Housing Affordability and Diversity Policy* and individual council policies on the disposal of council owned land suitable for housing purposes.

Recommendation 3

Consistent with recommendation 2, the provision of affordable rental housing on State and Commonwealth government owned land is made mandatory for government agencies disposing or developing surplus land for residential or mixed-use projects to complement requirements on private developers to address affordable rental housing targets.

Rationale

If private developers are being required to provide affordable rental housing supply, it is only fair and reasonable that State and Commonwealth Government agencies

also contribute to affordable housing supply on land within new urban renewal or land release areas (Draft GS Region Plan objectives 10 and 11).

A clear policy position outlined in recommendation 2 will help to create market certainty - from the preparation of feasibility studies through to the submission of tender proposals. Additional affordable rental housing supply can also be attracted and delivered by non-government proponents as means of promoting their tender's merits.

Governments are in a unique position in terms of land holdings, and financing developing, which dramatically alters the feasibility constraints compared with private sector developers^{vi}. Combined with wider economic and social benefits of delivering affordable housing, and the responsibility of government to deliver on these objectives, contributing higher levels of affordable housing is not only eminently possible, it is necessary.

The early adoption of targets on government owned projects as standard practice is critical to making headway with Sydney's affordability housing crisis.

Recommendation 4

The target set for a specific area undergoing upzoning or rezoning within a precinct should maximise the amount of affordable rental housing produced, factoring in both the type of landowner and the density increase proposed for the specific area ahead of, or accompanying, the rezoning approval.

The proposed precinct based targets should be differentiated further by the degree of proposed development of land parcels in zones within the precinct and by whether the land is in Government or private ownership. This will avoid a lowest common denominator approach that will result in reduced percentage targets.

Very significant increases in permissible residential development density will enable higher percentage targets and government ownership should sustain higher percentage targets again.

The risk profile for Government is markedly different to that faced by private developers.

Targets need to be significantly increased for Government owned land, where there are lower financial risks, often no holding costs, cheaper finance available and a benefits realisation that factors in affordable rental housing as a key part of the Government's and the community's return on investment.

Targets for Government own land should not be limited to areas of uplift or rezoning but also include existing land used for housing proposed for disposal and redevelopment.

In Sydney's deep unaffordability rental crisis, higher targets are urgently needed and supporting this objective justifies a more fine-grained and equitable approach to setting targets within precincts.

Recommendation 5

Housing supply targets for LGAs include indicative numerical 10-year supply targets for affordable rental housing agreed by councils, based upon each council's housing need study of their existing and future residents.

Rationale

Affordable rental housing has an important role to play in contributing to the overall housing supply.

Clear indicative targets for affordable rental housing supply over 10 years will help to ensure that the overall target for new housing supply (GS Region Plan objective 10) improves housing choice, addresses housing demand, links to the Councils housing needs studies and provides rental housing at a variety of price points.

In aggregate across Sydney, these indicative targets will provide a metric or success measure for judging whether there is sufficient affordable rental housing in the right locations to meet population needs.

Recommendation 6

Affordable Rental Housing Targets, while specified for areas undergoing redevelopment, are not limited to defined precincts but apply to all land zoned for residential or mixed use across Greater Sydney. As a general rule, the targets should apply to land rezoned after the Region Plan's commencement of date, first through Voluntary Planning Agreements or other mechanisms, and then incorporated into Local Environmental Plans as they are made.

Rationale

Sydney has an urgent and widespread rental housing crisis that increasingly covers all of Greater Sydney. It has been identified as one of the least affordable housing markets globally.^{vii}

The shortage of affordable housing is so great and pervasive across Sydney that the ARHT policy should apply to all of Greater Sydney.

Coverage of the scheme needs to be maximised with universal coverage rather than restricted to a potentially smaller number of defined precincts or special areas. This approach offers improved clarity, fairness and predictability to all councils, other consent authorities, developers and land purchasers.

A level playing field will cut down disputes and waste from legal and administrative wrangling with developers querying a site's coverage. Importantly it increases the

potential for ARHT to make a material and significant improvement to the present housing crisis. This approach will limit inequities and distortions occurring between council areas and produce more joined up planning - something that is at the heart of the Greater Sydney Region and District Plans.

There is no need for thresholds below which contributions will not be sought as monetary contributions into an affordable housing investment fund can be provided for smaller developments unless they undermine viability.

Through the ARHTs, communities will have a greater capacity to look after their own residents: seniors, people with a disability and attract and keep workers serving local industries and businesses.

Affordable rental housing supply also offers a mechanism for reducing travelling time to work for its residents. It helps reduce congestion and emissions for everyone. It makes an important contribution to realising the aspirations of a 30-minute city within the Greater Sydney Region Plan.

If any developments are deemed to be fully exempt from the targets, there should be a clear objective justification provided to each affected Council and community that will potentially lose out on getting this critical social and economic infrastructure.

Transparent accountability

Recommendation 7

Affordable rental housing is provided in perpetuity and be owned and managed by registered Community Housing Providers to ensure effective targeting of assistance and a continuing high standard of service.

Rationale

In line with the *Greater Sydney Commission Information Note 4*, "The Affordable Rental Housing dwellings will be secured by the relevant planning authority and may be passed onto a registered Community Housing Provider to manage, further developing this emerging sector of the economy."

As the long run trend for Sydney as a global city is one of continued dwelling price growth, the housing affordability crisis is a long-term one, and that the affordable rental housing should be provided in perpetuity (on an ongoing basis). It is critical to secure an enduring affordable housing supply.

The available affordable rental housing therefore needs to be continuously let according to transparent, open, and fair consumer access policies based on criteria set by council and using registered community housing organisations as fair-minded managing owners (taking responsibility for any future liabilities and potentially leveraging more supply) or as tenancy managers.

These are the principles that have been set down in the current SEPP 70 and enacted through the various existing council policies making use of this SEPP. It is recommended that this outcome form part of the plans or another instrument to provide statutory weight under the EPA Act rather than signal a good intention.

Registered community housing providers have a positive and well-regarded track record of renting to vulnerable households and effective in-built incentives to ensure properties continue to be well maintained. The national regulatory system for community housing (NRSCH) is performance based and open to for-profit as well as not for profit providers who demonstrate compliance with the standards.

Recommendation 8

The proposed development feasibility testing, assumptions and exemptions are shared with the public and incorporate business tested risk return margins that meet community expectations. Exemptions to targets are to involve independent adjudication.

Rationale

The viability assessment to be carried out by an independent body using standard industry methodologies is welcomed. However, the lack of disclosure of the viability test details impairs this consultation and continues to raise concerns about exceptions to ARH targets.

Where required, an independent panel appointed by the Department of Planning and Environment and the GSC should verify any exceptions to established Targets and advise the government on where an exemption may be granted.

The viability test should be transparent and robust.

The viability test assumptions should be designed to support sound practice and provide commercial rigour, create a disincentive for holding back rezoned land from market (land banking) to achieve an exemption and build community trust that super profits are not being made at the expense of Government policy to provide affordable rental housing.

Recommendation 9

The NSW Government together with the Greater Sydney Commission act to prevent the loss of affordable housing supply opportunities by implementing an effective supply strategy during the transition to new Affordable Rental Housing Targets, with the transition arrangements commencing March 30, 2018.

These transitional arrangements should include:

- *A minimum NSW Government commitment to providing 2,000 affordable rental housing homes on, or funded by, government owned land for each of the three transition years 2018 - 2020. This new supply would be in addition to Communities Plus projects.*
- *All Local Councils are encouraged and supported by the Department of Planning and Environment to enter into Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPAs) to deliver the affordable rental housing consistent with the Greater Sydney Region Plan ARHTs and other planning instruments until council Local Environmental Plans (LEPs) are amended.*
- *All LEP amendments instigated by the State Government made during the three-year transition and involving rezoning of land incorporate affordable housing targets from 30 March 2018.*

Rationale

It is likely that the implementation of the ARHT scheme will take up to three years to fully implement and to begin to see new affordable housing being built, while Sydney councils undertake housing need studies and then make amended LEPs in compliance with Greater Sydney Region Plan and the District Plans.

This is too long a delay for the many experiencing housing rental stress who are often just one step away from homelessness.

The private rental stress will balloon out for a growing number of low income private renters and the shortfall in affordable rental housing supply will only grow if no mitigating measures are put in place during the transition to ARHT scheme.

2,000 dwellings represent just a small proportion of the projected growth in demand from renting households experiencing housing stress due to Sydney's population growth.

Fairer access to Affordable Rental Housing

Recommendation 10

All affordable rental housing is constructed to universal design standards, which include space and liveability criteria, to ensure our most vulnerable community members current and future housing needs.

Rationale

This recommendation aligns with proposed core ARHT outcomes referred to in the *Greater Sydney Commission Information Note 4*. Research by the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute found that the group of households most likely to be in

long-term housing stress are couples with children (particularly those aged 35 - 54) and households with a family member with a disability^{viii}.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) reforms and the introduction of ARHT now presents a tangible opportunity to increase the supply of appropriate housing for people with disabilities within our communities.

It is recommended that this requirement form part of the plans or another instrument to give it statutory weight under the EPA Act rather than a good intention.

Recommendation 11

Affordable rental housing will be let at an affordable rent, of up to 30% of household income. Affordable Rental Housing Targets schemes which provide housing in perpetuity should be given preference over policies that only produce time limited affordable rental housing outcomes.

Rationale

As the draft GS Region Plan notes: 'The biggest of these [challenges] is housing affordability, which is a pressing social and economic issue across Greater Sydney. Housing affordability can affect job and lifestyle choices, and for some will determine whether they can live in Greater Sydney. Housing affordability is a primary focus of this draft Plan's approaches to improve liveability'^{ix}.

Delivering stable, secure affordable rental housing is critical to achieving these outcomes for vulnerable households. An affordable rent policy needs to be firmly tied to the provision of the affordable rental housing. Given the extreme unaffordability of housing in some parts of Sydney, even below market rents can place households in rental stress. Housing delivered as part of this package needs to also ensure that outturn rents are also affordable.

It is recommended that this policy requirement form part of the plans or another instrument to give it statutory weight under the EPA Act rather than a good intention.

Rents should be set so that affordable housing tenants who were also eligible to receive social housing, based on gross household income, paid no more than their social housing counterparts to ensure fairness and housing affordability for vulnerable very low and low income households.

Housing strategies also need to build affordable rental housing supply over time making ongoing affordable rental housing superior and preferred over schemes that deliver time limited options.

Recommendation 12

Affordable rental housing eligibility should be extended to moderate income households who are in demonstrable housing stress in the private rental market consistent with existing provisions of SEPP 70.

Rationale

The draft Greater Sydney Region Plan observes that many moderate-income households face housing diversity and affordability challenges – typically households with incomes of \$67,400–\$101,400 per annum. Recent research indicates that about half of young Greater Sydney residents are considering leaving Greater Sydney in the next five years, with housing affordability being a key issue. Many workers such as police, nurses and firefighters also do not have access to affordable rental outcomes anywhere but the outskirts of Greater Sydney^x.

There is a strong case for making ARHT moderate income working households who are in demonstrable housing stress in the private rental market eligible for assistance in schemes operating in the middle and inner ring suburbs of Sydney. This would bring the scheme into alignment with the Affordable Rental Housing State Environmental Planning Policy and State Environmental Planning Policy No 70 – Affordable Housing (Revised Schemes).

Not assisting moderate income renters in significant housing stress is the inverse of middle class welfare when there are tax subsidies and concessions available for social housing tenants, first home buyers and wealthy property investors.

AHURI research (2015)^{xi} has shown that not providing options for moderate income households has detrimental knock on effects for more vulnerable lower income households in the housing continuum as they are able to consistently out compete lower income households for the scarce low-cost private rental housing.

End Notes

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