

10,000 new homes for Community's most vulnerable

A re-elected Keneally Government will continue to deliver more than 10,000 completed new homes under a \$3.2 billion investment that provides vulnerable people with safe and affordable housing.

The investment includes more than \$1.3 billion to renew and revitalise some of the State's key public housing estates, including at Bonnyrigg, Minto, Glebe, Villawood and Airds.

Labor will also continue the roll-out of the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan, which in December allowed more than 4000 people to celebrate Christmas in a new home.

These initiatives are key features of NSW Labor's housing policy launched today by Premier Kristina Keneally and Housing Minister Frank Terenzini - Providing homes and caring for the vulnerable.

"Having access to safe and affordable accommodation is the basis for a good quality life and the foundation for accessing education, employment and other key services," Ms Keneally said.

"Labor has a proud record of helping vulnerable individuals and their families find a home, and this policy builds on these achievements.

"In contrast, the Coalition has no housing policy - placing the homeless and other vulnerable members of the community who rely on public housing at risk."

Under Labor's housing policy, a re-elected Keneally Government will:

- Invest \$1.3 billion in a comprehensive urban renewal of housing estates, including at Bonnyrigg, Minto, Telopea, Glebe, Villawood and Airds.

- Further reduce homelessness by 2014, including by rolling out 10 locally tailored Homelessness Regional Action Plans across NSW, making NSW the only State to do so. The 10 plans will be for the Central Coast, the Hunter, the Illawarra, South East NSW, New England/North West, the North Coast, Western NSW, the Riverina/Murray, Greater Western Sydney and Coastal Sydney.

- Build 310 new houses for Aboriginal people in remote areas of NSW over 10 years, through partnership with the Federal Government under the Remote Indigenous Housing National Partnership.

- Invest \$100 million to improve outcomes in Aboriginal housing through the „Build and Grow? initiative.

- Continue the roll out of the \$1.9 billion National Building Economic Stimulus Plan, which is delivering thousands of new homes in NSW while also creating jobs.

- Supply over 2000 affordable dwellings for people across NSW through the National Rental Affordability Scheme.

- Help struggling families keep their homes in tough times through the Mortgage Assistance Scheme, which has already helped 1500 households

- Transfer 30,000 social housing properties to community housing providers by the end of 2016, expanding of the Community Housing sector

- Increase by 22 the number of \$2000 scholarships for children in social housing through the Youth Schol-



arship Program, which enhances education opportunities for young people

"The Keneally Labor Government has also set ambitious targets to reduce overall homelessness by seven per cent by 2013 under the State Plan," Ms Keneally said.

"Together with the Commonwealth, we are investing \$284 million to tackle homelessness in the community.

"This includes the roll out of 10 Homelessness Regional Action Plans - which are specifically tailored plans to address homelessness in selected regional areas."

Under Labor, NSW is also leading the nation in delivery of new social housing under the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan.

NSW was first to complete 75 per cent of the 6,400 homes rolling out under the program, and is well ahead of schedule to complete the entire program by March 2012.

Under this program:

- Almost 50 per cent of homes, or 3100, of new homes under this program will be built in regional and rural areas, providing more housing for people in need and creating jobs;

- 2,500 properties have been targeted to homeless and or people aged over 55; and

- Around 600 more properties specifically targeted to Aboriginal families.

Mr Terenzini said Labor's housing policy had the potential to permanently change the face of public housing in NSW.

"This is one of the most ambitious urban renewal

programs and the most extensive roll-out of new homes for people in need in the history of the State," he said.

"Under this policy we will continue to innovate and explore new models for social housing to ensure we can meet the growing need for housing in the future."

Background Notes:

- The NSW Labor Government has a proud record in delivering housing to those most in need in our community - the frail, the aged, the disabled and those families struggling to make ends meet.

- We manage more than 144,000 social housing properties with a total asset portfolio worth more than \$31 billion.

- With these properties we provide more than 350,000 people with safe, decent accommodation.

- NSW is leading the country in delivering on the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan with the Federal Government. As of January 2011, 75 per cent of the 6,400 homes under this plan have been completed on time and on budget.

- Almost 50 per cent - 3,100 new homes - will be built in regional and rural locations providing more housing for people in need and creating jobs in each of the communities that the development is taking place.

- The stimulus is supporting 7,000 jobs for the people of NSW, and was vital in helping to keep the State out of recession and moving forward during the Global Financial Crisis and beyond.



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