



NSW Federation of  
Housing Associations inc

# Federation Bulletin



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## NSW FHA Election Commitments

The NSW State election on 26 March 2011 will set the direction for the State over the next four years. The NSW Federation of Housing Associations is calling on all Parties and candidates to commit to implementing a number of directions that will be essential to address the lack of affordable housing in NSW and to meet the housing needs of low and moderate income households.

The Federation is focusing on the following issues in the Election Campaign:

- Continuing the growth of the community housing sector by vesting the title to all government properties currently managed by registered community housing providers so they can build more low cost housing through gearing; ([more info](#))
- Improved capacity and service delivery by committing to transfer at least a further 15% of public housing to community management over the term of the next government; ([more info](#))
- Retaining an affordable housing planning instrument, following the review of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009; ([more info](#))
- Increasing affordable rental housing by ensuring that NSW provide sufficient matching to secure at least 30 per cent of the National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) initiatives available nationally; ([more info](#))
- Making NRAS properties accessible to very low income households and to maintain them as affordable housing for more than 10 years, by providing additional capital subsidies; ([more info](#)) and
- Expansion of the supply of Aboriginal community managed housing, and maintaining of the Aboriginal Housing Office and Board.

To access the factsheet please click on hyperlinks above. The Factsheets are also available on the NSWFHA website.

We hope to meet with representatives of both parties to seek their commitment and engagement. We will publish the responses to our call for commitments from all parties on our web-site and publications.

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## Support our efforts – Join our letter writing campaign now!

The Federation invites you to join our election campaign by lobbying your local member, relevant Ministers and Shadow Ministers and representatives from both parties responsible for affordable housing and planning.

Please send a letter, a fax or an email (suggested text below) to the NSW Premier Christina Kennelly, the Leader of the Opposition Barry O'Farrell and their relevant Ministers/Shadow Ministers and your local members. Please include the three fact sheets in support of your letter.

For information on 16 key electorates please click [here](#).

Suggested text:

Dear (name)

“As you are aware, a serious shortage of affordable housing is one the most pressing problems facing low and moderate income families and households in NSW. Community housing providers are key players in the current and future provision of affordable rental housing for families and households on low and moderate incomes. (Name of your organisation) is calling on all Parties and candidates to commit to a number of directions that will be essential to address the lack of affordable housing in NSW and to meet the housing needs of low and moderate income households. I am enclosing four factsheets that outline the current problems and would welcome your response.

We also look forward working with you and your Party (name of the Party) in the future for the benefit of low income families and households in NSW.”

Send your fax or email to:

**NSW ALP:**

Ms Kristina Keneally MP,  
Premier  
Level 40 Governor Macquarie Tower  
1 Farrer Place  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

**NSW Liberals:**

Mr Barry O'Farrell MP  
Parliament House  
Macquarie Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

**NSW Nationals:**

Mr Andrew Stoner MP  
Leader of The Nationals  
Parliament House  
Macquarie Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

**NSW Greens:**

Mr David Shoebridge MLC,  
The Greens NSW  
19 Eve Street  
ERSKINEVILLE NSW 2043

**Independent:**

Ms Clover Moore, MP  
58 Oxford Street  
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