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Ivanhoe Estate to create a vibrant, diverse community for all

The NSW Federation of Housing Associations today congratulated community housing provider Mission Australia Housing and development partners Frasers Property Australia on their winning tender to build 950 social housing units and 128 affordable rental units on the Ivanhoe Estate site at Macquarie Park.

Federation CEO, Wendy Hayhurst said the new partnership would ensure that social and affordable housing is included in a well designed, and properly planned community.

Under the plans, existing aged social housing units will be replaced with 950 new social housing units for people on low incomes and 128 affordable rental properties close to transport, jobs and public facilities.

The mixed 3000-unit redevelopment will also include aged care facilities, childcare facilities, a new high school and \$21 million towards social housing programs within the Ivanhoe Estate.

“This is a very good first outcome for the first project under the Government’s Communities Plus program,” Ms Hayhurst said.

“It will build a thriving new community for thousands of people that’s diverse, well planned, sustainable and provides homes for everyone, no matter their age or how much they earn.

“Importantly it will also create homes next to jobs, transport and facilities that people need to get on with their lives.

“It’s fantastic benchmark for the rest of the Communities Plus projects in Riverwood, Telopea, Waterloo and Arncliffe. We’re looking forward to seeing the first homes on the ground as soon as possible.”

Ms Hayhurst congratulated the NSW Government on building new and replacement social housing. She said more affordable rental housing is also urgently needed for people who don’t qualify for social housing but are being pushed into housing stress by high private rents.

NSW needs at least 100,000 new affordable homes by 2036 so that childcare workers, nurses and construction workers can continue to live, work and raise families in Sydney.

The Federation is calling on the NSW Government to ensure a diversity of housing types, sizes and price points by:

- Extending the Greater Sydney Commission’s proposed 5-10% affordable housing target to cover all new developments;
- Requiring all tenders on government owned land to include 30% affordable housing;
- Clearly defining the term “affordable” and framing planning laws to ensure properties remain affordable in the long term.

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