NSW AFFORDABLE HOUSING NETWORK
Building Community Connections

NSW Affordable Housing Network

A statewide collaboration to tackle housing affordability, innovation and resilience

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New South Wales is facing a prolonged housing crisis, characterised by:

- *Persistent undersupply of affordable and social housing*
- *High and rising housing costs for renters and aspiring owners*
- *Planning bottlenecks and misalignment between housing delivery and infrastructure*
- *Construction sector pressures, including skills shortages and cost escalation*
- *Climate, resilience and quality issues in new and existing housing*

In early 2025, the NSW Vice-Chancellors Committee (NSW VCC) identified affordable housing as a critical cross-cutting priority and encouraged universities to work together with government and industry on a coordinated response.

The NSW Affordable Housing Network, with the Affordable Housing Doctoral Training Network as its flagship capacity-building initiative, has been established in direct response to this call.

Rising Homelessness
Homelessness is increasing, particularly among older women and young people.

Population Growth
NSW's population is projected to exceed 10 million by 2041.

Social Housing Waitlist
More than 57,000 people are waiting for social housing.

Housing Demand
Sydney needs nearly 900,000 new homes by 2041.

Low Vacancy
Vacancy rates are below 1%, driving up rental prices.

High Prices
Median house prices have reached approximately $1.1 million.

Rental Stress
Over 35% of renters are experiencing housing stress.

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