

# FACT SHEET

## CITY OF SYDNEY

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*Sustainable Sydney*



## FACT SHEET: Inner city affordable housing proposal

- There are around 160,000 people currently living in the City of Sydney Local Government Area, an increase of more than 50 per cent in the past 10 years.
- Over the past five years, about a quarter of the total population growth in the Sydney Region occurred in the City.
- There are currently 90,000 dwellings in the City is anticipated to increase to approximately 132,000 dwellings by 2030, consistent with the *Metropolitan Strategy* target for 2031.
- Households in the City are likely to be smaller than elsewhere—average 1.94 persons per household in City versus 2.71 for Sydney Region.
- The City has a higher proportion of share households (13 per cent) and lone person households (42 per cent) compared to the Sydney Region (4 per cent and 22 per cent respectively).
- The City has a relatively young population with an average age of 32, compared to 37 across NSW.
- However there are fewer children living in the City, with 7 per cent of the population being 0–14 years old compared with 20 per cent across NSW.

Offering a diversity of housing contributes to a lively social mix. Fundamentally, it is also important in providing housing for those who service the City, working in jobs such as police and emergency services, nursing and teaching.

### Affordable rental housing

Affordable rental housing conveys the notion of 'reasonable' housing costs in relation to income. Reasonable housing costs are defined as totalling approximately 25–30 per cent of gross household income for households on low to moderate incomes.

Throughout Australia, affordable rental housing is owned by state and local governments, charitable organisations.

### Social Housing

Social housing includes all public housing, community housing, crisis accommodation (with and without ancillary support services) and Aboriginal housing (managed by the Department of Housing or by local Aboriginal organisations).

### Private Housing

Housing that is purchased or rented at market rates.

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