

Attachment D

**28 July 2026 City of Sydney's commitment
to and support for the Bridge Housing
project**

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Dear Madam/Sir,

Securing funding from Housing Australia under Round 3 of the Housing Australia Future Fund is essential to the delivery of the project and would be another valuable demonstration of collaboration across all three levels of government to deliver more critical social and affordable housing.

Building on earlier correspondence (dated 10 October 2025), I write to outline the City of Sydney's commitment to and support for the Bridge Housing project at 600-660 Elizabeth Street Redfern (the project).

The City endorsed the planning proposal to rezone the site, supported Bridge Housing's State Significant Development Application, which was recently approved, and has been actively engaged in the design excellence process.

The project demonstrates strong alignment with City of Sydney strategic plans and policies. The planning process undertaken by Bridge Housing shows what can be achieved using a place-based approach to urban renewal tailored to the needs and context of the local community.

More than \$30m in affordable housing contributions have been distributed by the City of Sydney to Bridge Housing to support the delivery of affordable housing within the project. This is in addition to the commitment made in March 2025 when Council resolved in principle support for a \$5m grant for the community facility.

Given that the project has now passed the first gateway of Round 3 of the Housing Australia Future Funding, the City will be formally recommending to Council the approval of \$5m to support the multi-purpose community facility. This will be considered at the August 2026 meeting of Council.

If approved, the contribution for the community facility could be provided after the first Construction Certificate for the project is issued (expected in November/December 2026). The City understands the project will be delivered in a single construction stage and that the Construction Certificate will apply to works across the site, including the community facility.

Bridge Housing have briefed the City on the proposed approach to the delivery of the project, including the proposal to deliver a cold shell by May 2029 to give time for additional funding sources to be secured to complete the fit-out and enable the activation of the community facility. The approach is considered appropriate and best suited to progress the remainder of the project enabling the delivery of much needed social and affordable housing as quickly as possible.

An agreement has been reached with Bridge Housing for the placement of a covenant on the relevant land title to ensure the use of the building as a community facility and to secure the delivery of the affordable housing at the site in perpetuity.

If you would like to speak with a Council officer about this letter of support, please contact Graham Jahn AM, Executive Director City Planning Development & Transport, on 02 9265 9945 or 0411 312 082 or at gjahn@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. M. Barone". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Monica Barone PSM
Chief Executive Officer