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**Media Release – NSW Minister for Water,
Property and Housing**



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DOUBLING DOWN ON NEW SOCIAL HOUSING IN GLEBE

The NSW Government is continuing to deliver more new, high-quality social housing across Sydney, by reimagining its visionary housing development on Cowper Street and Wentworth Park Road in Glebe to now deliver 100 per cent new social housing.

The \$34 million project, initially expected to increase the number of social housing dwellings on site from 19 to 35, will now deliver more than twice that number again, with a total of 75 new social homes to be completed, including five three-bedroom terrace homes for larger families.

Minister for Water, Property and Housing, Melinda Pavey, said the reimagination of the project from mixed-tenure to 100 per cent social will provide additional homes in a popular urban area and provide the Government with greater flexibility to help bring forward other redevelopment projects in the City of Sydney.

Minister Pavey said the government was now working to deliver almost 4,300 new homes across the City of Sydney Local Government Area, of which about 1,300 will be social housing homes – a 41 per cent increase in social homes across the redevelopment sites.

“This exciting project showcases the vision and quality of new social housing we’re delivering across the city – homes that complement and enhance the character of the Glebe area, and connect residents to jobs, transport links and vital community services,” Mrs Pavey said.

“This landmark development will not only revitalise and increase social housing in this highly accessible and well serviced area, it will also provide a timely boost to the local economy and create around 160 jobs.”

Inspired by historic woolstore buildings and Glebe’s iconic Victorian terraces, the project was designed by award-winning Sydney architectural firm Johnson Pilton Walker with the Prince’s Trust Australia also providing advice around sustainability and traditional architecture.

It will see ageing units and terraces transformed into two modern apartment buildings and a row of five new terrace homes that will blend seamlessly into an historic urban environment and are of a quality more than comparable to that of neighbouring buildings.

The apartment buildings, comprising a mix of studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments, are each up to eight storeys high and feature spacious rooftop common areas as well as best-practice standards for accessibility and environmental sustainability.

A development application for the project will be lodged with the City of Sydney by the NSW Land and Housing Corporation in the coming weeks.

This development is part of the NSW Government’s Future Directions for Social Housing – a plan to deliver more and better social housing that blends in with local communities. Visit <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/land-and-housing-corporation/greater-sydney/glebe>

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