Attachment A

Request from Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council for Funding from the Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund



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25th August 2025

Dear Monica,

On Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) as CEO write to affirm MLALC are the private owners of 36-38 George Street Redfern aka the "site".

MLALC confirm that it has had a long term aspiration for the site to provide seniors and or elders accommodation for MLALC members since acquiring the site in early 2000's.

MLALC is to demolish the premises and to build housing for its members on the site. It is estimated that we could build between 6-10 units at the location. Initially the priority would be providing housing for members who are elders in our community.

MLALC have been in discussions with staff at the City of Sydney (CoS) about the support the CoS may be able to offer to assist MLALC to progress our seniors and or elders housing project.

MLALC affirms that the site has been used as MLALC operational base up until recently leasing the site from July 2022 until July 2025, and as such being recently vacated provides an opportunity to begin the process of preparing a development application with a view to securing approvals and commencing construction as soon as possible.

MLALC Board has approved MLALC to formally request \$3m from the CoS Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund to assist the MLALC to deliver housing for our members at 36-38 George Street Redfern.

MLALC acknowledge this would be a significant contribution to the estimated total cost of the project and would reduce the contribution needed from state and commonwealth funding sources. We would seek this funding once we have secured an approved development application

MLALC verifies that financial support for the project is critical to the MLALC being able to deliver much needed affordable housing, including for our elders.

MLALC currently as at August 2025 has over 45 applicants seeking MLALC elders and or seniors housing or accommodation and MLALC anticipates this to increase based on demographics, socio economics, health wellbeing, rental affordability and racism.

MLALC attest the importance of affordable housing delivered by Aboriginal controlled community organisations cannot be underestimated and is articulated in many studies and reports on benefits of Aboriginal community-controlled services delivery of benefits of and for Aboriginal communities in social services such as housing.

Should CoS require any additional information and or clarification please feel free to make contact at anytime via telephone 0283949666 or email nmoran@metrolalc.org.au

Yours In Unity

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