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Dear Sr Lane,

Thank you for your correspondence of 2 August 2017 regarding low cost rental housing in Sydney and the homeless in Martin Place.

The NSW Government established the Greater Sydney Commission as an independent body to advise the Government on how to plan for Sydney's expected growth. The Commission is currently exploring a number of proposals to improve rental housing affordability for low income households.

More directly, the NSW Government's Social and Affordable Housing Fund will provide \$1.1 billion to facilitate new housing stock to help vulnerable households. The first phase will deliver 2,200 additional social and affordable homes over the next four years.

In addition, the NSW Government recently announced a package of measures designed to improve housing affordability across NSW. These include supporting first homebuyers, increasing housing supply, and accelerating the delivery of infrastructure to support growing communities.

In regard to the recent situation in Martin Place, the NSW Government will continue to provide support to the vulnerable people who were camped out in this location. The legislative amendments were only one part of the approach to peacefully resolve this issue. Between March and August, the Department of Family and Community Services visited Martin Place 46 times to offer services, support and accommodation. As a result, 73 people are now in permanent social housing.

As the matters you have raised are primarily the responsibility of the Minister for Planning, the Hon Anthony Roberts MP, and the Minister for Social Housing, the Hon Pru Goward MP, I have forwarded your correspondence for their consideration.

Thank you for taking the time to bring this matter to the Government's attention.

Yours faithfully,

Gladys Berejiklian MP
Premier

CC: The Hon Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Planning and The Hon Pru Goward MP, Minister for Social Housing