To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in the Parliaments Assembled.

This petition of *residents of New South Wales* brings to the attention of the House the urgent need for the NSW Government to deliver more **affordable housing**.

75 per cent of low income households are experiencing rental stress and there are over 28,000 people experiencing homelessness in New South Wales, according to the latest Census data (2011). Increasingly, teachers, childcare professionals, nurses and other workers who provide essential services to the community struggle to find affordable accommodation close to work.

While thousands of new units are being built for high income earners in areas close to transport and jobs, lower to middle income earners are being left out. We are calling on the NSW Government to provide adequate and affordable housing for its residents. Everyone has the right to a home.

The undersigned petitioners therefore ask the Legislative Assembly to immediately introduce legislation to require that a percentage of all new residential developments – at least 15% – be set aside for affordable housing.

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