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Mr Michael Brennan Chair Productivity Commission GPO Box 1428 CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601

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Dear Mr Brennan

NSW Government submission to the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement review

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Productivity Commission's review of the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement. Please find attached the NSW Government submission.

Our submission highlights the need for additional and dedicated funding to support people who have been homeless to sustain long-term housing, and to increase and improve the stock of social and affordable housing. It also addresses the inadequate funding from the Commonwealth and the constraints that broad housing unaffordability have on achieving the aims of the Agreement.

To improve the effectiveness of the Agreement, there is a need for a more collaborative approach across all levels of government to address housing affordability and reducing homelessness. In addition, joint collaboration and effort in housing and homelessness is required to overcome inequality experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The NSW Government is committed to the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement and we look forward to reading the Productivity Commission's report when it is released.

If you would like more information, please contact Zoe Dendle, A/Executive Director, Housing, Homelessness & Disability

Yours sincerely

Michael Tidball Secretary