



Dr Gordon Reid MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR ROBERTSON

The Hon. Rose Jackson MLC
State Minister for Housing
52 Martin Place
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Dear Minister Jackson,

I write on behalf of the people of the Central Coast concerning the Albanese Labor Government's *\$2 billion Social Housing Accelerator Payment* to State and Territory Governments.

I commend the Federal Government on this recent announcement and its commitment to build much-needed new social rental homes across Australia.

On the Central Coast, we are experiencing high demand for rental properties, where supply is not keeping pace.

This is putting upward pressure on rental prices and creating challenging conditions for young and vulnerable people accessing the housing market.

The region is also suffering from an acute shortage of housing, including homes, townhouses, and apartments.

According to data from the Department of Families and Community Services, the Central Coast has 1500 people on the waitlist, with an average wait time of 10 years to get a social housing property.

I note the Federal Government's, *\$10 billion Housing Australia Future Fund* that is currently being stalled in the Senate by the Liberals and The Greens for political gameplay.

This fund will enable the Federal Government to start building 30,000 new social and affordable housing in the first 5 years, once passed.

I am disappointed that the Liberals and The Greens choose to play political shenanigans rather than assist the Federal Government provide solutions for the nation's housing crisis.

Minister, given these statistics, I urge you to consider ensuring a portion of the \$610 million for NSW is allocated to the Central Coast region.

With a fast-growing population and many more people moving to the Central Coast, this funding will ensure our region can house its current population and respond to increases.

I appreciate any assistance you are able to provide in this matter and I await your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Gordon Reid MP
Federal Member for Robertson

