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Millers Point Social Housing Loss

Member for Sydney Clover Moore MP has opposed the latest Government decision to sell long term leases on another 20 Millers Point homes.

“I opposed these sales in 2006 when the Government announced 16 Millers Point homes would be sold, and the then Minister told me that no more would go,” Ms Moore said.

“Successive Ministers have given similar commitments that no more Millers Point housing would be lost.

The move was disguised in the budget papers: “the next phase of the 99-year lease sales program will see the continuing release [sic] of a number of properties throughout 2010-2011”.

“The Commonwealth Government has put significant new money into low cost housing over the past two years, and there is no reason the NSW Government should cut back on its commitment to social housing,” Ms Moore said.

“Many social housing tenants feel insecure that their homes could be sold off. They don’t trust the Government because similar commitments were never kept.

“Inner city social housing is vital – people on very low incomes with mental illness, alcohol/drug problems and suffering from trauma and abuse cannot afford the private market.

“Social housing in the inner city allows tenants in need to live close to health and welfare support services and good employment opportunities, helping them get back on their feet,” Ms Moore concluded.

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