

# Petition Calling for Housing NSW Action in Woolloomooloo

*To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, this Petition of the people of New South Wales brings to the attention of the House:*

Large areas of Woolloomooloo are under the control of Housing NSW, which is also responsible for housing and homelessness. In February 2011, 418 people were counted sleeping rough in the City of Sydney, with a large proportion in Woolloomooloo.

Housing NSW owns commercial properties, social housing and land in Woolloomooloo that has been vacant for many years. Vacancies should be filled urgently. Housing NSW must target the large number of people sleeping rough in Woolloomooloo and give priority for supported housing at the Camperdown project to rough sleepers in Woolloomooloo.

Housing NSW is responsible for Tom Uren Square, and should keep the area safe and clean. Housing NSW should carry out needed maintenance and repairs promptly, ensure that cleaners do their job properly, and remove graffiti promptly from Housing NSW property.

Housing NSW is a major landowner and landlord in Woolloomooloo, and should commit to regular community meetings with residents to discuss concerns and coordinate action. A Community Development Worker could fix local problems quickly and get all agencies to coordinate services and action.

***The undersigned petitioners therefore ask the Legislative Assembly to have Housing NSW:***

- ***Provide a Community Development Worker for Woolloomooloo;***
- ***Urgently apply for Alcohol-Prohibited Areas for open space on its properties to help prevent alcohol-related crime and anti-social behaviour;***
- ***Urgently lease vacant Cathedral Street properties;***
- ***Fast track construction of new homes at 174 Dowling Street;***
- ***Give priority to Woolloomooloo rough sleepers in the Camperdown Project;***
- ***Tighten contracts and monitor cleansing, including Tom Uren Square;***
- ***Ensure prompt action on maintenance and repairs; and***
- ***Meet regularly with residents to coordinate action.***

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