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The Hon Scott Morrison Prime Minister of Australia PO Box 6022 House of Representatives Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister

We write to inform you that Australia's peak housing, community housing groups and unions, have joined together to form a national alliance focused on supporting the delivery of social and affordable housing across Australia.

The Alliance members include the:

- Housing Industry Association,
- National Shelter,
- Property Council of Australia,
- Community Housing Industry Association,
- Australian Council of Trade Unions.
- Australian Council of Social Services,
- Master Builders Australia,
- Industry Super Australia, and
- Homelessness Australia

The Alliance will draw on the work of the National Affordable Housing Summit Group (2004-2010) that brought key stakeholders and worked closely with Government to address housing outcomes in Australia.

This new Alliance is seeking the support of the Australian Government, in partnership with all state and territory governments, to commit to act now to boost the supply of social housing, which includes both public and community housing, and affordable housing available to households on low incomes across Australia.

The approaching Federal Budget presents a critical opportunity for the Commonwealth to engage state and territory governments, and to work with the residential building industry, unions and community housing peaks, to harness the need for greater investment in social and affordable housing as a part of a construction led economic recovery.

The Alliance recognises that the growing calls for a social housing stimulus reflect the importance of social and affordable housing to the whole community.

Delivering social and affordable housing brings with it jobs and vital construction work which is the basis for the economic growth Australia now needs as the country emerges from the COVID-19 recession.

The Alliance will continue to meet over coming months to develop policy ideas and strategies to increase the supply of social and affordable housing.

We look forward to working closely with the Australian Government to address this important housing challenge and opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

Adrian Pisarski Executive Officer

National Shelter

on behalf of the Alliance Members

Graham Wolfe Managing Director Housing Industry Association

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cc: The Hon. Josh Frydenberg MP, Treasurer

The Hon. Michael Sukkar MP, Assistant Treasurer, Minister for Housing

The Hon. Luke Howarth MP, Minister for Community Housing, Homelessness and Community Services

Senator the Hon. Anne Ruston, Minister for Families and Social Services