



**WAYSIDE
CHAPEL**

POSITION STATEMENT MARCH 2019

DELIVER MORE SOCIAL HOUSING

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Wayside Chapel is calling on the NSW Government to deliver 5,000 social housing dwellings a year until 2026, and that the NSW Government apply a community-centred approach to housing arrangements.

There simply aren't enough dwellings for people requiring social housing. Modelling conducted for the NSW Community Housing Industry Association in 2016 found that NSW needs 23,000 new dwellings over a 10-year period to close the current backlog in social housing, in addition to an annual increase of 2,500 dwellings over the same period to maintain targets.

Putting a roof over a head is only the start of a challenging and complex journey. A roof doesn't make a home. We will only be successful when a person has a home. What makes a home is connection with community - knowing your neighbors, being involved locally and having a network of support.

The NSW Government can tackle homelessness by prioritizing investment in creating more social and affordable housing.

Wayside Chapel is supporting Uniting's campaign to create affordable housing and reduce homelessness.

For more information, go to waysidechapel.org.au/advocacy

