

The Hon Rose Jackson MLC

Minister for Water, Minister for Housing,
Minister for Homelessness
Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth,
Minister for the North Coast



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Lord Mayor of Sydney
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Dear Lord Mayor *Clover*

Thank you for your email of 1 November 2024 about the pending closure of the boarding houses at 58-60 and 62-64 Selwyn Street, Paddington. I understand how distressing this situation must be for the residents and the community. The threat of eviction can create immense anxiety and uncertainty, and I want to assure you that it is a matter of great concern to me as well.

The NSW Government is willing to collaborate with the City of Sydney where feasible, contingent upon the decision of the Land and Environment Court at its hearing on 3-4 December 2024. I have been informed that Monica Barone, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the City of Sydney, also wrote to Homes NSW CEO, Rebecca Pinkstone, to discuss potential collaboration of the purchase of the boarding houses by a community housing provider. Ms Pinkstone will contact Ms Barone to further pursue this matter.

I can confirm that Homes NSW and the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre are working with the affected residents through the closure process. All residents of the Paddington boarding houses seeking a social housing pathway (who are eligible) will receive support from the Homes NSW Homelessness Outreach Support Team (HOST). HOST have capacity to fast-track housing applications, vet for suitable properties and have experience in assisting with boarding house closures.

If you would like more information, please contact Humair Ahmad, Director of Community and Affordable Housing at 0411 285 474 or Humair.Ahmad@homes.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Date: *29.11.24*

*Thank Clover - we
show your concern and
desire to resolve it
possible. If the owner is
willing to sell we
are willing to be
part of purchase at
a reasonable price.*