



Sharon Grierson MP
Federal Member for Newcastle

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More Affordable Housing for Newcastle

Federal Member for Newcastle, Sharon Grierson MP, was today pleased to officially open eight new affordable housing apartments worth \$1.76 million and funded under the Social Housing National Partnership.

"The Gillard Government is taking real steps towards increasing the accessibility of social housing in the Newcastle community," said Ms Grierson.

"Under this program alone we will be funding the construction of 37 affordable housing units worth almost \$10 million."

The units will be administered by Compass Housing.

Overall, the Gillard Government is funding the construction of 200 affordable houses in Newcastle, and the maintenance and upgrading of 897 more.

These projects have been funded variously under the Social Housing National Partnership, the National Rental Affordability Scheme, and the Economic Stimulus Plan Social Housing Initiative.

"Not only do these investments strengthen our economy and support local jobs, but they also promote social inclusion and provide real housing options for those most at risk in our community."

The units opened today have been nominated by the Master Builders Association for the 2010 MBA Excellence in Building Awards Newcastle, in the category "Medium Density, Over Five Dwellings."

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