

Up ... and Out? GWS Housing Summit



There has never been a more important time to gather the best and brightest in Greater Western Sydney to confront the housing crisis.

Welcome to 'Up ... and Out? GWS Housing Summit 2023', the biggest region-based housing summit in NSW.

I am proud that the Dialogue can gather the ministers, policymakers, big thinkers and big builders that hold the key to solving the housing crisis in GWS.

Planning Minister **Paul Scully** and Housing Minister **Rose Jackson** will feature alongside key players from the public, private and not-for-profit housing sector, Mayors and executives from GWS councils, landowners, strategic planning professionals, and development and construction leaders, to discuss the strategies to address the severe housing challenges facing GWS.

Today we will examine the future of greenfield development and the challenges of looking to the sky for supply. Social and affordable housing alongside transport-oriented development is a key plank of the NSW Government's policy offering, but how do we foster public and private partnerships to deliver much needed affordable housing stock? We'll also be looking to put the NSW planning system under the microscope, as we seek clarity on what we can expect from the new government's housing and planning reforms.

Make no mistake, GWS is ground-zero for the housing crisis, with a large make-up of its residents either locked out of buying a home or struggling with rental stress. With supply continuing to lag and cost-of-living pressures biting hard, many of the most vulnerable people in our community are at risk of falling into homelessness.

Dealing with the housing challenges that have gripped the region is complex and will require a co-ordinated response, across all three levels of government, and informed by both the community and industry.

Today's event not only provides a platform to better understand the many perspectives and opportunities, but importantly, can also help establish a clearer path forward. I thank you all for your continued support and input.

Adam Leto
CEO
Western Sydney Leadership Dialogue



Program

9.00am REGISTRATION & NETWORKING

Welcome to Country

Aunty Lexie Carroll | City of Liverpool's 2023 Elder of the Year

Introduction to the 2023 GWS Housing Summit

Adam Leto | CEO, Western Sydney Leadership Dialogue

Feeling the Pinch: How do we bridge the current housing gap?

Keynote

Hon. Rose Jackson MLC | NSW Minister for Housing and Homelessness

Interviewer

Christopher Brown AM | Chairman, Western Sydney Leadership Dialogue

After a decade of underinvestment in new supply, the new NSW Government has flagged its intentions to address the housing crisis with a new state agency, Homes NSW, and a fresh approach to direct investment and planning measures to stimulate developer-led supply of social and affordable housing. With such a large gap between supply and demand in GWS, how will the Government confront critical shortages of social housing, and how can it unleash the potential of the community housing sector and private investment?

Vote of Thanks

Sue Holliday | Chair, Hume Community Housing

A Partnership Approach: Working together to house the region

Trina Jones | NSW Rental Commissioner

Scott Langford | CEO, St George Community Housing

Michael Wheatley | Acting CEO, Land and Housing Corporation

Provocateur

Kim Curtain | Partner, Deloitte

11.00am MORNING TEA

Levelling the Playing Field and Housing a Nation

Christopher Brown AM | Chairman, Western Sydney Leadership Dialogue

Greater Western Sydney is expected, and proud, to accommodate a steady stream of migrants to help manage Treasury's surging population ambition - but is not accorded the same respect by governments when it comes to infrastructure, jobs and services provision. Now GWS councils are being asked to meet a disproportionate share of renewed national housing targets while communities in Sydney's East resist their responsibilities for more homes. How can the West secure a better deal, how can State & Federal regulators clear the approvals pathway and when will housing equity reign?

The Need for Speed: Getting on with the job of building the cities of GWS

Clr Ned Mannoun | Mayor, City of Liverpool

Joseph Nahas | Managing Director, Coronation Property

Sophie Pickett-Heaps | General Manager - Design, Stockland

Jacqueline Vozzo | President, UDIA NSW

Provocateur

Christopher Brown AM | Chairman, Western Sydney Leadership Dialogue

The region desperately needs more high-quality, connected housing. How can the planning system be streamlined to speed up delivery? How can developers be encouraged to deliver homes and provide attractive, sustainable and exciting places for residents and visitors?

Why it's Up AND Out: Explaining why we need both

Ranisha Clarke | Managing Director - Communities, Lendlease

For many, suburban living has long been an integral part of the Australian dream - Ranisha explains why we cannot afford to rely solely on infill developments if we are to truly tackle the housing crisis head-on. How can greenfield housing work together with higher-density developments to provide the housing injection that the region desperately needs?

Welcome to Inglis

Belinda Thomson | General Manager, The William Inglis Hotel

12.30pm LUNCH

NSW Government's New Housing and Planning Agenda

Keynote

Hon. Paul Scully MP | NSW Minister for Planning & Public Spaces

Interviewer

Adam Leto | CEO, Western Sydney Leadership Dialogue

The Minns Government has charged Paul Scully with the responsibility of tackling the acute housing supply shortage and unblocking the planning system to speed up approvals as a priority. Several factors have contributed to the housing crisis, and there are no quick fixes, so where should we start? Six months after taking Government, we will ask the Minister exactly where the short, medium and long-term opportunities are to deliver new housing across GWS and to streamline planning regulations.

Balancing Commerce and Community

Stephanie Barker | Head of Strategic Planning, Greater Cities Commission

Joshua French | Chief Executive, Greater Sydney Parklands

Judy Hannan MP | Independent Member for Wollondilly

Alex Wendler | CEO, Landcom

Provocateur

Michael Koziol | Sydney Editor, The Sydney Morning Herald

How much housing is needed in Sydney, and where does it go? Is there a place for greenfield development, and how does this align with the NSW Government's focus on densifying the existing centres of Sydney? Is Greater Western Sydney prepared to do the heavy lifting regarding housing supply, or is it time to spread the load? Where does amenity and public good sit in the development equation?

2.00pm NETWORKING

