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National Rental Affordability Scheme delivers 87 new affordable rental homes for Kingston Electorate

The Australian Government will deliver 87 new affordable rental homes for low and moderate income families in the Kingston electorate under the second round of the National Rental Affordability Scheme.

Three organisations in Kingston have successfully applied under this round of the Scheme and will soon receive a letter advising of the outcome.

Successful Organisations:

- Affordable Housing Consulting Pty Ltd will receive funding for 8 new affordable rental homes in Seaford and Sellicks Beach
- Julia Farr Housing Association Inc will receive funding for 2 new affordable rental homes in Seaford
- Southern Junction Community Services Inc will receive funding for 77 new affordable rental homes in mid and southern regions of the Kingston electorate

Federal Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth welcomed the announcement by Federal Minister for Housing, Tanya Plibersek.

“This is a great outcome for people in my electorate of Kingston who are struggling to find affordable housing,” Amanda Rishworth said.

“Through this innovative new program, eligible families renting in the Kingston Electorate will be able rent homes at least 20 per cent below market rents.

Mr Graham Brown, CEO of Southern Junction Community Services, said today’s funding commitment will help the Junction Housing division deliver on their 2007 *‘Housing in the South’* Strategy.

“We are very pleased that we have been able to attract significant Federal Government funding subsidies in order to build properties that will enable us to increase the supply of high quality housing in the Southern region,” Mr Brown said.

“Junction Housing recognises that access to stable and affordable housing is essential for the health and wellbeing of families and individuals.”

“The 77 new affordable rental homes will be available for rent by household with incomes ranging from low to moderate,” Mr Brown said.

Nationally the Australian Government is investing \$1 billion in the National Rental Affordability Scheme over the next four years to increase the supply of affordable rental homes.

This innovative new program will help build up to 50,000 new properties across Australia by 2012, which will then be rented out at a minimum 20 per cent below market rate.

Through round one and two, the Government has provided incentives for the construction of 10,540 new rental properties.

Applications for Round three opened on 1 September, and will stay open for approximately 12 months.

Interest in the first rounds was very good and corporate sector interest in particular is expected to remain strong.

The National Rental Affordability Scheme will increase the number of affordable rental properties across Australia and guarantee they are rented to people on low and moderate incomes, including key workers.