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NSW Parliament recognises Housing as a Human Right

Homelessness NSW congratulates the NSW Parliament for recognising housing as a human right.

The resolution, moved by Ms Jenny Leong, also recognised that it is a fundamental role of government to ensure that all people in New South Wales have access to safe, secure, habitable and affordable housing.

'It is fantastic to see the NSW Parliament understand the advantages that affordable, sustainable housing brings a positive contribution to peoples lives, and that government has a role to play in ensuring it is available to NSW citizens, said Ms Katherine McKernan CEO of Homelessness NSW.

'At a time when over 37,000 people in NSW are experiencing homelessness this is a huge step forward.'

'Currently less than 1% of rental properties are affordable for people on low incomes and there are over 60,000 people on the social housing waiting list so we are hopeful to see this aspirational resolution be followed by concrete action in addressing this issue'.

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