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AFFORDABLE HOUSING FORUM to seek real-world solutions to Sydney's housing crisis.

Local and State government, community housing, investors and developers, planners, and leading academics will come together to find real-world solutions to Sydney's affordable housing crisis. The one-day Affordable Housing Forum, on 24 July 2017 at UTS, will focus on how stakeholders can better work together to deliver affordable housing to low and moderate income earners.

Key objectives of the Forum include, developing collaborative practice between local government and the community housing sector; advocacy for affordable housing targets in major development precincts and sites; exploring best practice models; and establishing coherent strategies for negotiating affordable housing contributions.

SSROC President, Cr Sally Betts is looking forward to the Forum, stating, "We are delighted that key experts and speakers from government, academia, non-government, development industry, urban development, and the housing consultancy sectors have confirmed participation."

"By focusing on the supply of affordable housing stock, the Forum will cover a key subset of the broader issue of housing affordability," said John Brockhoff, Principal Policy Officer at Planning Institute of Australia.

"This Forum will be an excellent development opportunity for local government, the housing and the planning industries due to the range of topics, speakers and evidence-based insight into affordable housing policy, strategy challenges and solutions", noted Wendy Hayhurst, CEO, NSW Federation of Housing Associations.

Key housing experts, including Prof Hal Pawson of the University of NSW and Dr Marcus Spiller, Principal & Partner, SGS Economics and Planning are among the keynote speakers.

The [Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils \(SSROC\)](#) and the [Planning Institute of Australia \(PIA\)](#), in collaboration with [Community Housing Providers](#), will be hosting this one-day Forum on Monday, 24 July 2017 at the Aerial Function Centre UTS.

The Forum will cover:

- opportunities for the community housing sector;
- strategic planning and planning system reforms promoting affordable housing;
- development finance, and community infrastructure funding challenges;
- the capacity of councils and their constituents to accommodate urban renewal; and
- best practice models.

Investors, community housing providers, property developers, planners, councils, State government, academics and students are strongly encouraged to attend.

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