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Submission to the Housing Legislative Package

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Housing Legislative Package.

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is the national voice of local government, representing 537 councils across the country. In structure, ALGA is a federation of state and territory local government associations.

Across Australia, the supply and availability of affordable housing is a critical issue facing most local governments and their communities. The lack of suitable housing impacts on the wellbeing and economic productivity of local communities, noting that housing challenges are different in each part of the country.

This is why ALGA is supportive of a national co-ordinated response to the housing crisis, including further investment in social and affordable housing.

We are also pleased to be a signatory to the Housing Accord and welcomed the appointment of former ALGA President David O'Loughlin onto the National Housing Supply and Affordability Council.

As a sector we support the housing legislative package which will provide the framework for the Government's recent announcements on housing.

We look further to working with the Government to address the housing challenges, including advocating for policies, funding and initiatives that address the needs of local governments and their communities.

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Yours sincerely

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