



1st February 2018

Invitation to a Forum to be held in February 2018: Tenancy rights for residents of group homes.

The New South Wales Department of Family and Community Services , Ageing, Disability & Home Care (ADHC) is transferring the management of group homes to the non-government sector. As a result of this change, residents of transferred group homes will get a new landlord.

ADHC wants to ensure that the views of group home residents are heard and included to ensure that residents of supported group homes have similar rights to other renters and that these rights are guaranteed by law.

Shelter NSW and the Tenants Union NSW are collaborating to deliver a number of targeted face to face forums in February 2018. It's important that we hear from those within our community who will be directly affected by the transfer of supported group accommodation.

Who can participate in our consultation forums?

Our forums are specifically tailored and targeted. Voices of residents will be critical to ensure legislation is shaped according to their needs. We welcome you to register to participate in one of our forums if:

- You are living in a group home
- You used to live in a group home
- You are family member, a guardian, friend or advocate of somebody currently living in a group home or someone considering living in a group home.

Sydney Forum

When: Friday 16 February 2018, 11-2pm.

Where: Customs House Library Room, Level 2, 31 Alfred Street, Circular Quay

Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided.

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If you would like to participate in the forum, please register by clicking on the link on:

<https://www.trybooking.com/350320>

Registrations close on Wednesday 14 February at 5pm.

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Alternatively, you can contact Paola Nunez at projects@sheltersnsw.org.au or 0434401488. Please let Paola know if you need any assistance, including financial assistance with travelling to the forum. Please also let her know if you need any assistance at the forum, for example, an interpreter.

Before you attend the forum

The NSW Government has released an issues paper outlining the key matters they would like to hear from you on. You can view the consultation documents by clicking on this link [NSW Family and Community Services website](#). These documents will form the basis of our forum briefings and feedback.

We look forward to meeting you on 16 February 2018 and ensuring that your views are included in this important reform.

Yours sincerely



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