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## Greens call for action on affordable housing

ACT Greens MLA Deb Foskey today called on the Government to act on affordable housing by either supporting the Greens affordable housing bill or referring it to a Legislative Assembly committee for consideration.

The Greens' Bill – the Land (Planning and Environment) (Unit Titles) Amendment Bill 2005 – will be debated in the Assembly on Wednesday. The Bill, if passed, will create requirements for major new unit developments to include either public housing, or another form of permanently affordable housing.

“The Government has expressed support for measures to increase affordable and public housing in the ACT. So now is the time to either support this bill or to send it to an Assembly committee to look at how we can achieve this objective” said Dr Foskey today.

“The Government has agreed to the Recommendation in the ACT Affordable Housing Taskforce calling for the inclusion of affordable housing in multi-unit developments – but the Government has yet to act.”

“The South Australian Government has recently committed to include 10% affordable housing in all significant new housing developments. NSW has affordable housing requirements in some locations in Sydney.”

“The ACT now has the opportunity to join these states in addressing one of our biggest social problems, lack of affordable housing” Dr Foskey said.

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