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David Borger  
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### **New regulations for community housing**

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Housing Minister David Borger said new community housing regulations protect current and future tenants and ensure community housing organisations deliver consistent, high-quality services.

Mr Borger, who is speaking at a special community housing forum today, said the regulations, which came into effect on 1 May, apply to the 500 different community housing organisations in NSW.

“Community housing organisations are locally based, not-for-profit organisations who manage government funded housing for people on lower incomes. It’s a growing industry in NSW and these regulations mean that tenants can expect high quality and consistent services no matter which organisation they deal with,” Mr Borger said.

“As part of the new regulations Community Housing organisations need to demonstrate how they meet certain standards if they want to continue receiving government funding.

“They need to now show how they effectively manage their tenants, their assets, their finances, developments and partnerships.”

Mr Borger said that the NSW Government has committed to growing community housing from 13,000 to 30,000 properties over 10 years.

“The bulk of the properties built under the Federal Government’s Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan will also be transferred to community housing organisations to manage,” Mr Borger said.

“It is important that we make sure they have the knowledge and skills to successfully manage this level of growth and that their services to tenants are not compromised.

“That’s why we worked closely with an advisory group, which included representatives from peak housing industry agencies and housing sector experts, to develop these new regulations.”

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