



Tanya Plibersek MP Federal Member for Sydney

The Hon. Brendan O'Connor MP
Minister for Housing and Homelessness
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Dear Minister O'Connor,

I have been contacted by a community organisation in my electorate, REDWatch, who have expressed their concerns to me regarding the quality of community consultation by Housing NSW around the preliminary Master Plan for the public housing estates in Redfern and Waterloo.

The Preliminary Master Plan received funding from the Federal Government under a 2009 Housing Affordability Fund grant.

REDWatch have expressed their concern that Housing NSW has declined to release the Preliminary Master Plan to the public for comment and feedback before it is supplied to the Federal Government. REDWatch are also concerned that Housing NSW have declined to release any progress reports which they may have submitted to the Federal Government.

I have written to the NSW Minister for Family and Community Services, the Hon. Pru Goward MP, to request that the Preliminary Master Plan be made publicly available to the community once an agreed version is finalised by Housing NSW.

I also ask that you consider the concerns of my constituents regarding the adequacy of the consultation around this project and any remedies the Federal Government may be able to provide, including the release of any substantive progress reports which may have been provided to Federal Government departments.

Yours sincerely,

The Hon. Tanya Plibersek MP
Federal Member for Sydney

Date: 13.6.12

