



JOINT STATEMENT

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Momentum Collective provides \$2.2 million commitment to boost community housing in the Northern Rivers region

Leading provider of housing and community services in Northern NSW, Momentum Collective has welcomed the New South Wales Government's contribution to increase social housing in the Northern Rivers region. The announcement was made today by the NSW government, as part of the \$52.5 million new Community Housing Innovation Fund.

The demand for social and affordable housing is at an all-time high across Momentum Collective's footprint, with over 3,495 applicants waiting for social housing, according to the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ).

Momentum Collective Chief Executive Officer, Tracey Mackie said it is a positive outcome for our local communities. The fund will be used to acquire an additional ten homes across the region.

"With the waitlist exceeding ten years in many areas, this initiative is desperately needed and shows an acknowledgment of the housing crisis we are facing in the area," stated Dr Mackie.

"At Momentum Collective, we believe that every person in Australia, no matter their situation, should have access to a safe and suitable place to stay. This is difficult to achieve within our footprint due to the critical shortage of housing and the current housing affordability crisis. The fund won't solve the problem, but it is a step in the right direction."

The proposal is that the additional properties acquired would appropriately support a cohort group that would benefit from a choice of independent and co-living options. This would include youth or young adults and key workers that have been impacted by Domestic Family Violence (DFV) or impacted by homelessness or mental health.

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About us:

[Momentum Collective](#) is a for-purpose community services organisation creating real change and inclusive opportunities. We have a proud 40-year track record operating in a suite of programs in disability, mental health, homelessness, social and affordable housing, family and domestic violence, child family and community services.

With over 40 locations in Tweed, Byron, Ballina, Lismore, Casino, Kyogle, Grafton, and Coffs Harbour, the reach extends from Mid North Coast to South East QLD. Last year, Momentum Collective assisted over 5,500 clients and families across the organisational footprint.

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