



In Sydney the key priorities are social and affordable housing, children and young people and health. We need to see more social and affordable housing but also a strong focus on tenant's rights. Affordable housing is fundamental to stabilising ever other issue. We need to build on the Social and Affordable Housing Fund and take it to the next level. There is a significant shortfall in Sydney that still needs to be addressed.

We need to see more investment in education, health and other services and supports focussed on children and young people. This community want to see all young people engaged and have opportunities regardless of background or finance.

## Cost of living

- Latest figure show the average annual personal income across the Sydney, Southeast and Northeast Sydney region was \$60,175 which, although higher than the state average, has not kept pace with the significant increases in the basic costs of living
- In the year to July 2015 an average yearly electricity bill cost \$2,100
- Latest median weekly rental figures for 2 bedroom dwellings range from \$390 in Canterbury, \$473 in Ashfield, \$500 in Strathfield, \$530 in Burwood, \$550 in Marrickville, to \$630 in Canada Bay

- Latest figures show Local Government rate assessments across Sydney and Southeast and Northern Sydney in 2010/11 from \$583 in Botany Bay, to \$1,243 in Pittwater, against a state median of \$672

“Poverty impacts on so many health conditions, and the impact of chronic health issues is long-term.”

## Children and young people

- Latest figures show 22 in every 1000 children in Sydney were involved in risk of significant harm reports and 3 in 1000 in Sydney were in out-of-home care
- The Sustaining NSW Families nurse home-visiting program is currently available in Arncliffe, St George and Sutherland, and being implemented in Canterbury. But there are children in need throughout other areas of Sydney
- 48,335 children across Sydney, Southeast and Northern Sydney, living below the poverty line. LGAs like Canterbury, with 25.6%, and Rockdale, with 22.4%, have child poverty rates nearly double the state average
- In 2014-15, 767 young people aged 15-24 across Sydney, Southeast Sydney and Northern Sydney, were hospitalised due to intentional self-harm

## Dental wait list

- 2,450 children and 23,955 adults across north, southeast and central Sydney are on the NSW public dental waiting list
- Only 65.2% of children in Sydney age 5-6 years are free of dental caries
- On average, children age 5-6 years in Sydney have 1.16 decayed, missing or filled teeth

## Social Housing wait list

- The latest figures show there are 37,100 social housing units across Sydney, South-eastern and Northern Sydney, with 12,541 people still on the list waiting to be housed
- In the 12 Months to 30 June, 1,935 people were housed, with expected waiting times for those still on the list exceeding 10 years in Marrickville, Canterbury, the Inner West, St George, Sutherland, Sydney, the Eastern Suburbs and Riverwood, and 5-10 years or more in the Northern Beaches and Suburbs