

Media Release

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SOCIAL HOUSING PROJECTS NEEDED FOR STATE'S NORTH:CRISP

The Nationals Member for Mildura, Peter Crisp has asked for information regarding proposed housing projects for the electorate.

“Social or affordable housing is a vital service for any community and the demand for transitional housing is a regular source of work for my electorate office. That said, the local department has proven to be supportive and accommodating at all time and they are staffed with excellent people who are always willing to sort through the issues.

“The commonwealth stimulus package includes money for housing, and it is needed. Mildura has its problems, and so do other communities within my electorate.

“Robinvale has a long history of problems with regard to overcrowding and inappropriate buildings being utilised for housing and government investment in Robinvale is needed; the Hopetoun and Murrayville communities both have independent living projects that are desperately in need of support.

“Independent living units for senior residents free up the housing stock for families as well as meeting the social needs of seniors and a small amount of money invested in these projects provides a large return to government,” Mr Crisp said.

Mr Crisp said that it was imperative that the communities know what options the minister is exploring so the community can understand and provide input into this process.

“Every society has a responsibility to take care of its most vulnerable citizens, and good affordable housing is a large part of that responsibility. To that end, I would urge the Minister for Housing to announce short and long term projects envisaged for the state's northern communities,” Mr Crisp concluded.

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