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NEW PARTNERSHIP TO PROVIDE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR WOMEN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

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Leading community housing organisation Bridge Housing has partnered with Sydney property developer Payce Consolidated and Women's Community Shelters in a unique "Pathways Home" venture to house women experiencing homelessness in properties earmarked for redevelopment.

Payce has plans for a \$100 million urban renewal project in north western Sydney that will ultimately provide 5,000 new apartments for families in the region. In the interim, five existing homes have been made available to Bridge Housing and Women's Community Shelters to house women and their children escaping family violence.

Bridge Housing CEO John Nicolades said: "As specialists in housing people on moderate-to-low incomes in Sydney, Bridge Housing is always seeking opportunities to create more safe, affordable housing, so we were delighted to work with Payce and Women's Community Shelters to make this project happen."

"While transitional housing is only ever intended as a temporary solution, it will put a secure roof over the heads of women and their children while they get their lives back on track. It also uses underutilised properties in a city with a severe housing shortage, at no cost to government."

"We hope our project is the start of a broader trend of not-for-profit organisations working in partnership with the property development industry to find innovative solutions to our common supply and affordability issues."

There are currently more than 60,000 people on the waiting list for social housing in NSW. The initiative was launched today by the Minister for Family and Community Services, the Hon. Pru Goward MP.

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Photo: Minister Goward, Bridge Housing CEO John Nicolades, Payce Director Dominic Sullivan and WHC CEO Annabelle Daniel.

About Bridge Housing

Bridge Housing is a leading NSW community housing association that sources and develops social and affordable housing for people on moderate-to-low incomes across 14 new local government areas in greater Sydney. It has nearly 2,000 properties housing more than 3,100 people and by July 2019 will manage more than 2,000 additional tenancies. It recently won an award for its leading innovation at the NSW Awards for Excellence in Community Housing.

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