

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Bit by bit – the puzzle is coming together on housing supply

Tom Forrest, CEO of the Urban Taskforce, said that today's announcement of the State Government led rezoning of the precinct surrounding Burwood North station show what can be achieved when councils join the State Government on a pro-housing unity ticket.

Today's rezoning will unlock 18,300 new homes. It is one of 68 State Government led rezonings taking place across the state and could result in as many as 236,000 new homes.

Just last week the NSW Government announced there would be 8,500 new homes in the Bays West precinct – shunning the self-interested lobbying of the bulk storage operators.

This shows the benefits of the NSW Government's approach which is now centred on driving housing supply from the centre. Bit by bit, it is all making a difference.

The days of leaving housing numbers up to local councils are gone. The former government's "hands-off-councils" approach created a disaster – one that the coalition have now comprehensively walked away from.

ABS data released today shows even before today's new announcement works through the planning system and into the data, Canada Bay Council and Burwood are delivering approvals way beyond their Housing Accord targets.

In the case of Burwood Council, this has been because the Council is strongly pro-growth. With Canada Bay, they have been dragged kicking and screaming by the NSW Government determined to take advantage of the new Metro line.

BEST PERFORMING - SYDNEY METRO		Dwellings approved - January, 2026	Target to FY29	Pro-rata completion target to January, 2026	Approvals so far during Housing Accord	Progress against pro-rata Accord target
<b>Best</b>	Canada Bay	7	5,000	1,583	2,493	157.5%
2	Hawkesbury	16	1,300	412	616	149.6%
3	Burwood	2	3,300	1,045	1,170	112.0%
4	Blue Mountains	8	600	190	183	96.3%
5	Parramatta	649	19,500	6,175	5,422	87.8%
6	Sutherland	38	6,000	1,900	1,620	85.3%
7	Camden	69	10,200	3,230	2,518	78.0%
8	Fairfield	53	5,900	1,868	1,447	77.4%
9	Wollondilly	52	5,500	1,742	1,282	73.6%
10	The Hills	84	23,300	7,378	5,207	70.6%

In contrast, the NIMBY Councils remain laggards and are predominantly made up of those LGAs with wealthy, older populations who don't want change to their neighbourhoods and don't care about housing affordability for younger generations.

**WORST PERFORMING -  
SYDNEY METRO**

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<b>Worst</b>	Strathfield	4	3,500	1,108	269	24.3%
2	Willoughby	20	3,400	1,077	346	32.1%
3	Waverley	1	2,400	760	246	32.4%
4	Hunters Hill	2	400	127	44	34.7%
5	North Sydney	1	5,900	1,868	652	34.9%
6	Ku-ring-gai	7	7,600	2,407	849	35.3%
7	Sydney	34	18,900	5,985	2,286	38.2%
8	Hornsby	14	5,500	1,742	681	39.1%
9	Inner West	5	7,800	2,470	970	39.3%
10	Northern Beaches	24	5,900	1,868	859	46.0%

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The comments and analysis above can be attributed to Tom Forrest, CEO, Urban Taskforce Australia

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