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Kiersten Fishburn
Secretary
Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
4 Parramatta Square
12 Darcy Street
Parramatta NSW 2150

7 August 2025

Dear Ms Fishburn,

RE: SSD-79709963 - Support for Redevelopment of St Paul's Anglican Church, Bankstown

I write on behalf of Faith Housing Australia to affirm our strong support for the redevelopment of St Paul's Anglican Church in Bankstown—a significant mixed-use proposal that reflects best practice in integrated community planning and will deliver critical social infrastructure for South-Western Sydney.

Led by Sydney Anglican Property (a member of Faith Housing Australia), this project delivers far more than housing. It offers a replicable model for how faith-owned land in strategic locations can be activated to meet pressing community needs, including affordable housing, early childhood education, and inclusive social infrastructure. The co-location of a purpose-built worship and ministry centre ensures the church's ongoing presence and engagement in Bankstown while contributing to the social fabric of the area.

The mix of housing, community and commercial functions is well-aligned with the NSW Government's objectives to create liveable, connected communities. We further note the successful application to the Housing Australia Future Fund (HAFF) as evidence of the project's readiness, viability and alignment with national housing policy goals.

Importantly, this is not an isolated initiative. Sydney Anglican Property's Urban Renewal Program is working with dozens of parishes across Greater Sydney—many with similar land use potential—to deliver community-serving outcomes at scale. The St Paul's project is the flagship of this broader program, demonstrating how collaborative partnerships between faith groups, community housing providers and all levels of government can deliver on the promise of housing and infrastructure reform.

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We encourage the Department's continued support for this exemplary project and the timely resolution of planning matters that will enable its delivery. The St Paul's redevelopment represents the kind of partnership-driven, community-anchored urban renewal that aligns with the objectives of the TOD program and should pave the way for many similar projects across NSW.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if further information would be helpful.

Yours faithfully,

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