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REFORM FUNDING TO IMPROVE HOMELESSNESS SERVICES IN GRANVILLE

Minister for Family and Community Services Pru Goward today announced that one project in the Granville electorate has been awarded funding as part of the *Going Home Staying Home* reform of specialist homelessness services.

Ms Goward was joined by Member for Granville Tony Issa at the Western Housing for Youth offices in Merrylands to make today's announcement.

In the Granville electorate, Western Housing for Youth received \$30,000 in funding to develop a best practice collaborative partnership model.

"The Liberals & Nationals Government is improving services and lives through the reform of the specialist homelessness service sector. Through these reforms we want to prevent homelessness, rather than just managing the problem."

Going Home Staying Home will see:

- Homelessness services reconfigured so they deliver a range of responses to clients, including prevention and early intervention responses and crisis support.
- Resources rearranged across NSW to ensure they are provided where they are needed most.
- Services better communicate with each other and refer clients more successfully.

"This funding will help these homelessness services in the Granville electorate to better meet the objectives of the *Going Home Staying Home*," Mr Issa said.

"It will help these services shift their focus to prevention and early intervention, and increase collaboration and co-ordination across the region, so better outcomes can be achieved for vulnerable clients who are homeless or at risk of homelessness."

"The NSW Government is driving this reform with a newly formed industry partnership established between Homelessness NSW, Domestic Violence NSW and Yfoundations," Ms Goward said.

"This partnership has been formed to work with the NSW Government to improve services and lives through the reform of specialist homelessness services in NSW."

This funding is provided under the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness.