I am writing as a local constituent in your area and a supporter of YWCA Australia's 2025 Federal Election Campaign – *Safe Homes, Equal Futures*.

Every person deserves a safe place to call home and the opportunity for an equal future in Australia. Yet, we know this is far from reality for many women, gender diverse people and their families.

Barriers to having a safe, affordable and accessible home are made higher because of gender inequality and domestic and family violence - which is the leading cause of homelessness for women in Australia.

I support YWCA Australia's five-point plan to address this crisis and urge you to commit to and advocate for the following:

- 1. Increase the Supply of **Safe, Secure, and Affordable Housing** for women, gender-diverse people, and their families.
- 2. Increase **Investment in Regional Housing** to ensure access to safe and affordable homes outside urban centres.
- 3. **Increase and Sustain Funding for Gender-Responsive Services,** including homelessness and family and domestic violence support.
- 4. **Amplify Young Voices** by ensuring young women and gender-diverse people shape housing policy.
- 5. Enhance Renter Experience by **improving rental affordability and security.**

You can learn more about YWCA Australia's detailed asks and election platform at this link: ywca-safehomes-equalfutures.org.au

Please write back and confirm your support for national policy reform and investment into a healthy housing system for women, gender diverse people and their families.

Please advocate for these issues within your platform and party and show your public support to addressing this crisis.

You can contact YWCA Australia to express your support and discuss next steps towards creating a gender-equal housing future by emailing: advocacy@ywca.org.au