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Submission: To whom it may concern, Domestic Violence NSW is endorsing the NCOSS, Homelessness NSW and yFoundation submissions to IPART regarding the review of rent models for social and affordable housing.

DVNSW want to bring particular attention to Recommendation 10 in the NCOSS submission as this is the area most likely to affect women, children and young people escaping domestic and family violence; Recommendation 10
Any redesign of the waiting list prioritisation and allocation process should give precedence to the needs of people who are eligible for priority housing.

DVNSW believes that applicants in the priority category must always be given precedence. IPART has stated that FACS would need to respond to people in urgent need of housing potentially with temporary accommodation. Temporary accommodation has it's own issues within NSW and should not be a core response to urgent housing needs. Homelessness NSW's report on temporary accommodation highlights that TA is often unsuitable because:

- ☐ safety for women and children escaping domestic violence.
- ☐ inability to prepare and store food;
- ☐ challenges storing or transporting belongings between temporary accommodation sites; and
- ☐ distance between accommodation and support services.

People placed into the priority category should have first priority for social housing.

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