

NSW State Election: Request for response on COTA NSW Policy Platform 2019

COTA NSW is the peak body representing people over the age of 50 in NSW. We're an independent, non-partisan, consumer-based non-government organisation. We work with community leaders, policy makers, service and product providers as well as media representatives to make sure our constituents' views are heard and their needs met.

For older Australians to flourish, we need to ensure that supports and systems are in place. As the 2019 state election approaches, COTA NSW is highlighting the strategic investments that can make it happen.

COTA NSW has a vision that ageing in Australia is a time of possibility, opportunity and influence - of a community that values older people and the contributions they make, that supports them to stay engaged and actively participating.

We believe the next state election is a prime opportunity to start realising this vision.

COTA NSW is requesting a formal response from all major parties standing in the NSW state election to our published 2019 Policy Platform. Responses received will be publicly shared with COTA NSW members and supporters the week commencing 11 March.

Does your party **support** the following policy priorities for older people in NSW?

	COTA NSW Election Priorities	Yes / No	Further comments
Health & Wellbeing	Allocate funds for the development and implementation of diverse, scalable free or low-cost programs that offer a range of exercise options for older people as they age.	Yes / No	
	Fund the expansion of NSW Health's Hospital in the Home (HITH) program and Clinical Nurse Specialist positions, with a focus on regional and rural areas with ageing populations	Yes / No	
Housing choices	Decrease the eligibility age from 80 to 67 for inclusion on the NSW Housing priority waiting list for public housing.	Yes / No	
	Set standards to include an annual target of 75% of new social and affordable housing dwellings designed to a minimum Gold Livable Housing standard.	Yes / No	
	Fund the establishment of a state-wide older people's housing information and support service to bring together fragmented resources and reduce the risk of homelessness.	Yes / No	

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Housing choices	Reduction in stamp duty for people 70+ purchasing owner occupier properties that have been built to Livable Housing standard.	Yes / No	
	Create a legislative and regulatory environment that supports innovative housing models which allow older people to choose where they live.	Yes / No	
Getting around	Double annual funding to the Accessible Transport Program to \$266 million to expedite the completion of train station accessibility upgrades.	Yes / No	
	Create an Active Transport Infrastructure Commissioner responsible for ensuring that planning for all new and existing community residential developments pay attention to active transport infrastructure, particularly footpaths.	Yes / No	
	Provide funding to local councils to improve access to transport and shopping precincts by upgrading unsafe footpaths and streets and other impediments to safe access.	Yes / No	

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Inclusive communities	Provide and promote information in a range of accessible formats and languages to older people in NSW.	Yes / No	
	Reinstate funding for Sector Support Officers to support the implementation of the NSW Ageing Strategy through community development initiatives, realisation of local ageing strategies and capacity building of service providers.	Yes / No	
	Provide recurrent funding (3-5 year funding period) for community-based social support programs that target isolated and vulnerable older people experiencing loneliness.	Yes / No	

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