

MILLERS POINT, DAWES POINT AND THE ROCKS PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS GROUP
MEDIA RELEASE

Buyer Beware: Sale Does Not Have Community Support

Thursday 21 August

The Millers Point community today said the NSW Government had failed to win community support for the sale of public housing at Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks.

Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks Public Housing Tenants Group Convenor Barney Gardner said the first of the houses to be put up for sale (119 Kent Street, Millers Point) would be auctioned by McGrath Real Estate tonight.



“Premier Mike Baird and Minister for Vaucluse Gabrielle Upton have failed to win support for the sale,” Mr Gardner said.

“They have no political mandate, and no social licence for their cruel program to displace an entire community of public housing tenants.

“Whoever buys these properties will be contributing to the destruction of a close-knit community, while removing many elderly and vulnerable people from their local support networks.”

Mr Gardner also slammed McGrath Real Estate for profiteering from the sale process.

“McGrath Real Estate is getting their cut of the money raised by the sell-off, so they also must take some responsibility for the pain and anguish they are causing.

“If McGrath had any sense of corporate responsibility it would have declined the opportunity to tender for this project.

“The agent knows these sales are morally wrong because they are being held behind closed doors, under the cover of darkness.

“On behalf of the residents of Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks who are being evicted, I call on people to show their disgust by boycotting McGrath Real Estate and taking their business elsewhere.”

NOTE: Members of the Millers Point community will be holding a protest vigil outside the McGrath Real Estate headquarters in Edgecliff between 6pm and 7pm tonight.

WHAT: Millers Point protest vigil.
WHEN: Between 6pm and 7pm tonight, Thursday 21 August.
WHO: Millers Point, Dawes Point and The Rocks public housing tenants.
WHERE: 191 New South Head Road, Edgecliff