

**Modular: the fastest and most effective way to tackle the housing crisis says NSW Minister for Planning, the Hon Paul Scully**

NSW Planning and Public Spaces Minister, The Hon. Paul Scully, last night said in an interview with Sydney's Channel 7 – the NSW State Government hopes to build 377,000 new houses to address the burgeoning housing crisis NSW is currently facing. Minister Scully said modular construction is definitely a significant part of the solution.

With more than 50,000 people currently waiting to access social housing in New South Wales, Australia's largest modular construction company, ASX listed Fleetwood Australia, echoed the Minister's statements stating that modular is, at a minimum, 50% faster in the build process than traditional construction, offering a cost efficient and precise building process.

Fleetwood Australia CEO, Bruce Nicholson, said Fleetwood had the capacity to deliver up to 1,500 new homes annually, with seven factories providing the nation's largest manufacturing capacity.

"Housing shortages in New South Wales are at crisis level and Fleetwood Australia is committed to working with Governments, housing providers and community developers to tackle the issue.

"With community and social housing in critically short supply, Fleetwood's modular designs can be delivered up to 50 per cent faster than traditional construction. Our build times are measured in weeks and months rather than years, which is of vital importance for people who are doing it tough. The factory-controlled builds also mean on-time delivery is more guaranteed as we are not subject to on-site and environmental factors that often cause lengthy delays and can't always be predicted.

"There is no faster way than modular building to swiftly deliver the volume of housing needed in New South Wales.

"In addition to faster delivery at a cost comparable to traditional construction, Fleetwood offers a variety of great housing designs and living options that meet diverse needs in the community.

"Our 2023 housing designs are ready to go. The new range meets new Liveable Housing Design Guidelines and the National Construction Code, with the quality homes rivalling traditionally constructed design.

"Anyone who still equates modular construction with tin sheds, really needs to come down and have a look at our display homes in Smithfield. Fleetwood's focus is on providing high-quality and great-looking solutions for people to call home."



Mr Nicholson said Fleetwood’s factory-based manufacturing process offered many advantages.

“The factory manufacturing environment provides allows greater quality control and safer construction and because we’re building entire modules off-site and then delivering virtually completed homes for installation. This also means disruptions to the surrounding community are also minimised,” Mr Nicholson said.

“Fleetwood’s factories also reduce construction waste, providing the opportunity to recycle materials easily and seamlessly.

“Another advantage of modular construction is that as communities evolve and circumstances change, buildings can be re-used and repurposed. As easily as modules are delivered and installed, they can also be reconfigured and relocated.

“Fleetwood Australia has been building modular homes for around 25 years, initially delivering lifestyle housing.

“Now, given the synergies between our expertise and community need, we are focused on vastly increasing the amount of community and social housing stock in New South Wales. This continues to delivery of social housing for Department of Communities in WA and QBuild in Queensland.

“Fleetwood Australia and modular construction can’t address all of the issues associated with the housing crisis but I am certain we can be an important part of the solution.”

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