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EASING HOUSING STRESS FOR THOSE IN NEED

The NSW Government is making it easier for people experiencing housing insecurity and financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic and natural disasters to make use of temporary accommodation at caravan parks and camping grounds for longer.

The amended *Local Government (Manufactured Home Estates, Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulation 2021* will allow caravan park and camping ground managers to permit a person displaced as a result of a pandemic or natural disaster to live in temporary moveable dwelling accommodation for up to two years.

Minister for Local Government Shelley Hancock said the Government is determined to do all it can to support people displaced as a result of the pandemic, bushfires, floods and drought.

“While NSW is reopening and our economic and social recovery is well underway, we know many people in our community are still suffering and need support when it comes to alternative and temporary accommodation,” Mrs Hancock said.

This provision was introduced last year for victims of the Black Summer bushfires but has now been extended.

The Regulation will also allow councils to extend the period of time that a person can stay in a moveable dwelling on private land.

“Local councils will now be able to provide local solutions for those residents still displaced by extending time limits through a more flexible and simpler process,” Mrs Hancock said.

“These sensible changes will provide certainty for people suffering housing insecurity and financial stress caused by the recent crises we have endured.”

The *Local Government (Manufactured Home Estates, Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulation 2021* can be accessed [here](#).

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