

## 2.3.7.1 Additional Occupants & Carers



### **Preamble**

Women's Housing Company is a not for profit housing association as part of the social housing system in NSW. Women's Housing Company provides long term housing for single women and medium term housing through support partnerships. Tenure is linked to remaining eligible according to Women's Housing Company criteria and specific program guidelines. Some properties have strict income levels to qualify.

Women's Housing Company guarantees adherence to all landlord responsibilities as stated in the [NSW Residential Tenancies Act 2010](#).

Women's Housing Company recognises that applicants' and tenants' needs and expectations differ based on a variety of factors such as past experiences, independent living skills, cultural and language backgrounds, age, and health. As a social housing provider we are committed to providing best quality services at all times. Women's Housing Company recognises that it may not be possible to meet all needs and expectations.

Women's Housing Company understands that tenants' circumstances can change over time. We aim to provide flexible service provision within the limitations of our eligibility criteria, funding guidelines and tenancy law. When Women's Housing Company is unable to continue long term housing for existing tenants we aim to minimise housing hardship to the best of our abilities.

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### **POLICY**

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Women's Housing Company does not accept dual occupancies as part of its standard service provision. Women's Housing Company currently provides a few dual occupancy tenancies for historical reasons or as per its carer policy (outlined below). Women's Housing Company takes no responsibility for resolving the potential issues between the two occupants (excepting those breaching tenancy).

If a tenant's capacity to live independently degenerates to the extent that they need a full time live in carer, renewable six month fixed term leases will be made available to the carer as long as they are required, providing the following conditions are met (with evidence renewed prior to each lease re-signing, as relevant).

- The carer must be a woman.
- The provision of a medical report stating that the tenant requires a full time, live in carer, and/or the carer is a recognised carer by [Centrelink processes](#).

Succession rights do not apply to carers.