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# Specialist Disability Housing

# Accommodation in New South Wales



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# About this Report



This report was written by **University of Technology Sydney**.

We will say **UTS** for short.



UTS got information from the **National Disability Insurance Scheme** to write the report.

We will say **NDIS** for short.



This information in this report is from November 2022.



This report is about **Specialist Disability Accommodation**.

We will say **SDA** for short.



**Plan**

SDA is housing for people with NDIS plans.

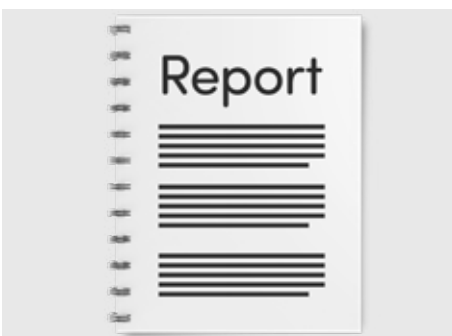


Only some people are allowed to live in SDA.



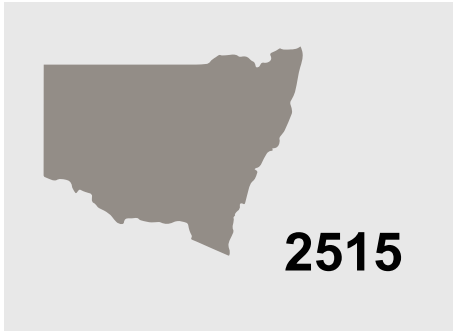
This report says

- How much SDA there in NSW
- Where the SDA is
- What type of SDA there is.

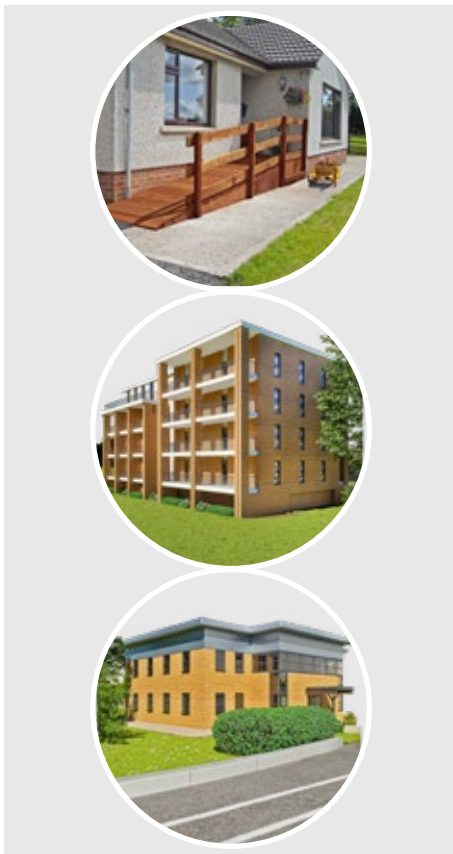


This report does not talk about how many people need SDA.

# How much SDA is there in NSW



There are 2515 SDA properties in NSW.



These include

- Houses
- Apartments
- **Disability Institutions.**



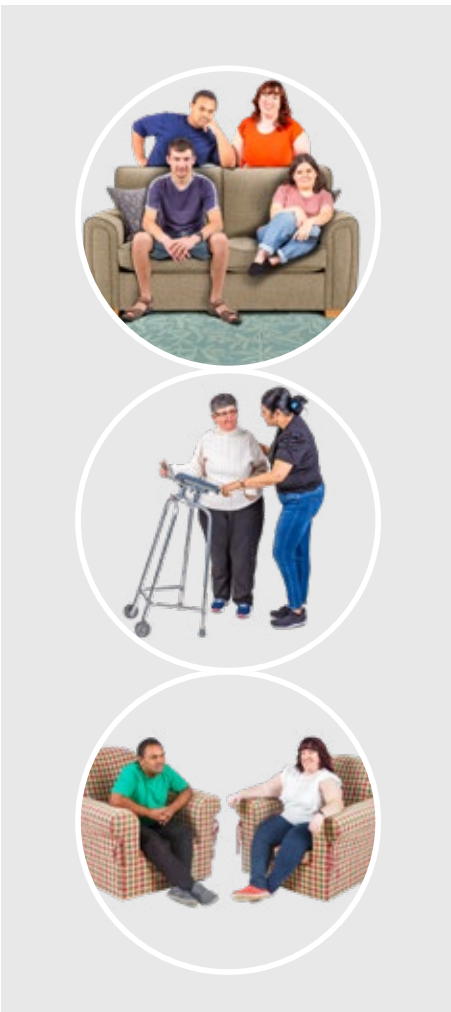
**Disability institutions** are big places where many people with disability live together.



People with disability were often treated badly in disability institutions.



Most SDA is **group homes**.



**Group homes** are where a lot of people with disability

- Live together
- Share supports
- May not get a choice who they live with.



Most SDA group homes have 4 to 6 people with disability living in them.



There are 635 SDA apartments in New South Wales.



SDA apartments can be in the same building as non-SDA apartments.



There can be up to 10 SDA apartments in 1 building.





There can be buildings that are all SDA apartments.



When there are many SDA apartments in 1 building disability support may be shared.

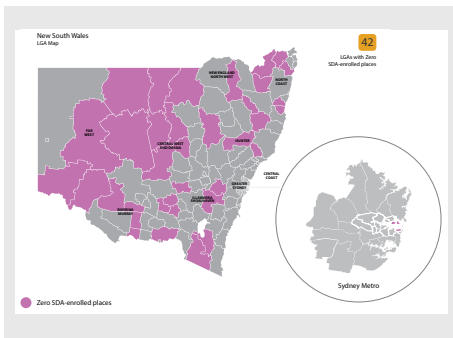


This means that people who need SDA apartments have few choices about

- Where they live
- How they get their disability support



We are going to do more research about SDA apartments.



A lot of regional NSW does not have SDA.

The pink on the map says where there is no SDA.



There is not enough SDA in remote and very remote areas of NSW.



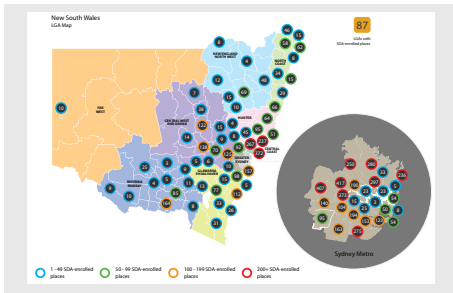
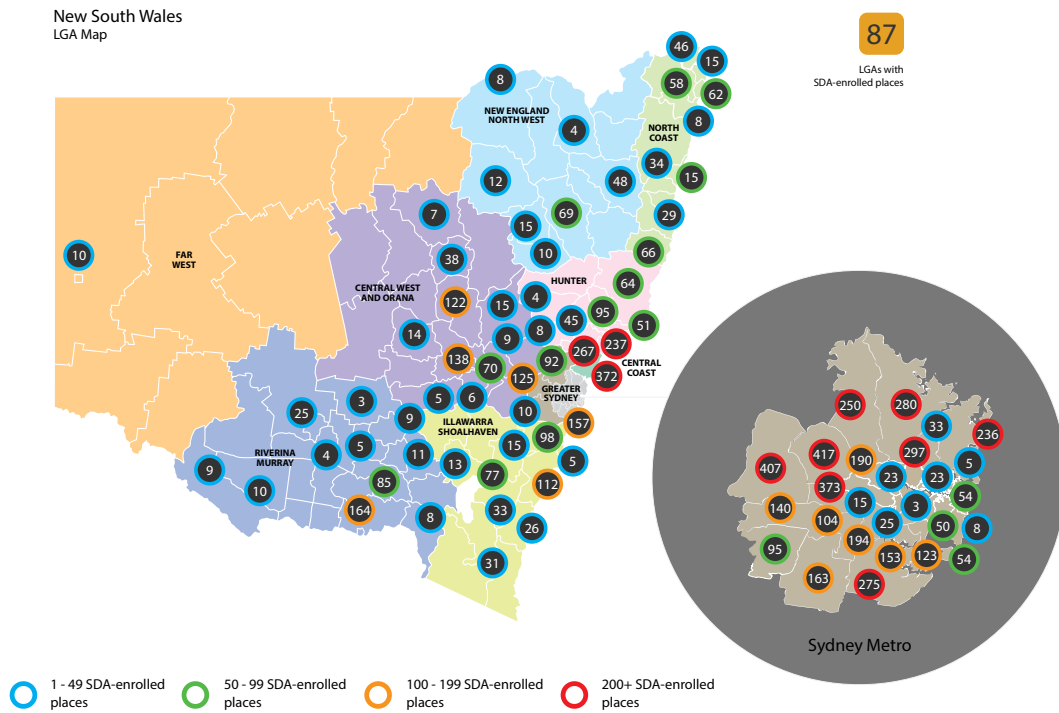
There is 1 SDA in remote NSW.

There is no SDA in very remote NSW.



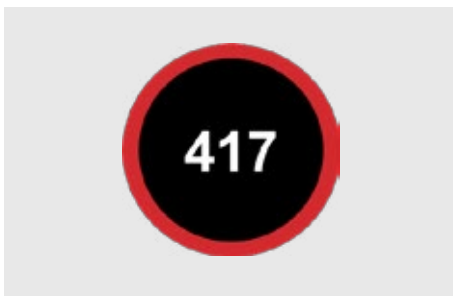
# Where is SDA in NSW

New South Wales  
LGA Map



This map shows where SDA is in NSW.

The colours in the map show NSW regions.



The circles with numbers say how much SDA there is in that place.



Sydney is shown in the map in the circle.



There is very little SDA in

- Regional NSW
- Remote NSW.



This means that people living regional and remote areas have very little choice about where to live.



Most SDA is in **Major Cities**.



**Major Cities** include

- Sydney
- Newcastle
- Wollongong



There is some SDA in **Inner Regional NSW**.



**Inner Regional** includes

- Lismore
- Port Macquarie
- Coffs Harbour
- Goulbourn
- Nowra
- Wagga Wagga
- Dubbo
- Tamworth
- Armidale.

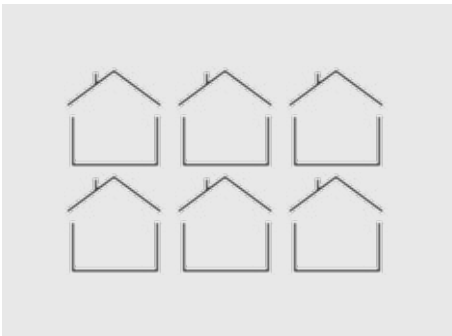


There is not very much SDA in **Outer Regional NSW**.



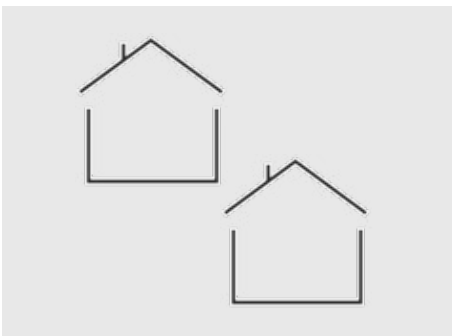
### **Outer Regional** includes

- Inverell
- Moree
- Parkes
- Griffith
- Bega.



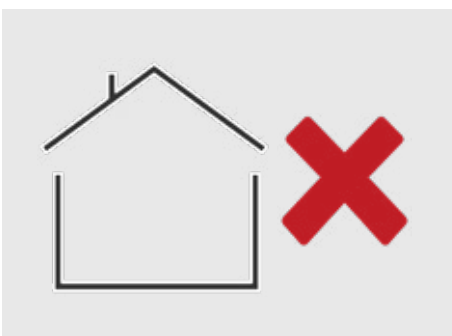
### Most SDA in Greater Sydney is in

- Southern suburbs
- Western suburbs
- Northern suburbs.



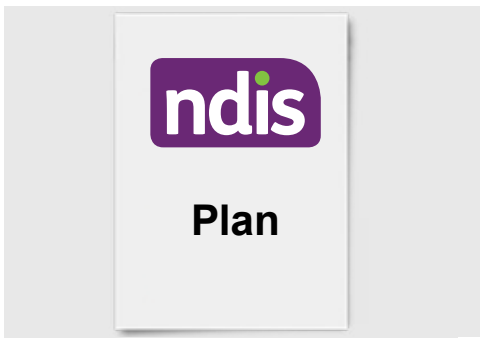
### There is less SDA in

- Inner Sydney
- Eastern Suburbs.



### There are no SDA properties in

- Mosman
- North Sydney
- Woollahra.



There are 2 regional LGAs where a lot of people have NDIS plans but there is no SDA.



This is

- Dungog in the Hunter region
- Wentworth in the Riverina region.



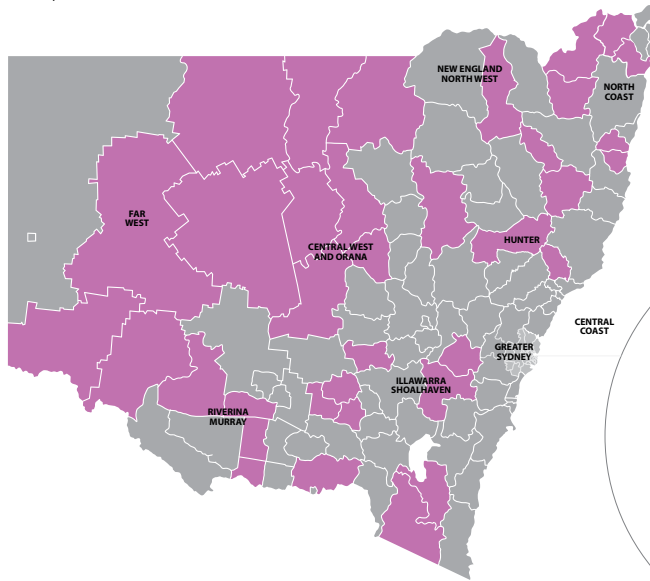
This means people who need SDA have less choice where to live.



More research should be done to look into why SDA is built where it is.

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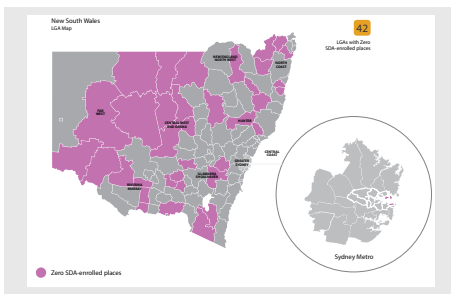


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LGAs with Zero  
SDA-enrolled places

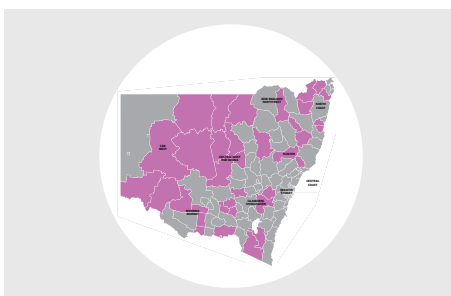


Zero SDA-enrolled places



This map shows where there is no SDA in NSW.

The pink in the map is where there is no SDA.



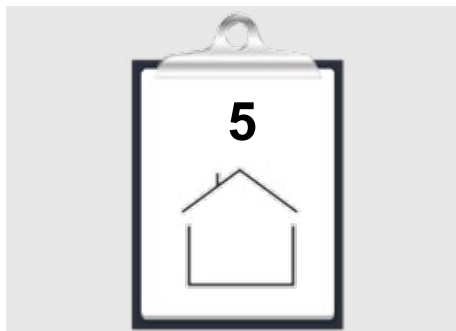
A lot of regional NSW does not have SDA.



There is no SDA in 42 NSW **Local Government Areas**.

We will say **LGA** for short.

## What type of SDA is there



There is 5 types of SDA.



**Basic SDA** are older houses that do not meet current requirements.



Most SDA in NSW is Basic SDA.



Many Basic SDA are group homes.





Most Basic SDA is in Greater Sydney.



More research needs to be done to look into Basic SDA and former disability institutions.



**Improved liveability** SDA are houses that support people with physical or sensory needs.



There is not much improved liveability SDA.



Most improved liveability SDA is in Greater Sydney.



There is very little improved liveability SDA in

- Regional NSW
- Remote NSW.



**Robust SDA** are houses for people with high physical support needs.

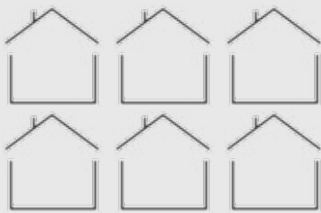


There is little robust SDA in NSW.



Most robust SDA is in the eastern part of NSW.

## Penrith



Penrith LGA has the highest number of robust SDA.



**High Physical Support SDA** are houses for people with very high physical support needs.



Most new SDA is high physical support.



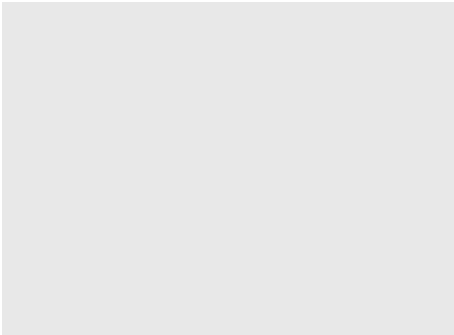
Most high physical support SDA is in the Hunter region.



Most of the newer SDA is in Greater Sydney.

It is mostly in Western Sydney.

## More information



For more information

- Call
- Send an email to

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