# Community Housing Industry Council

## Communique

## Meeting 9, 17 June 2021

The New South Wales (NSW) Community Housing Industry Council (CHIC) had its ninth meeting on 17 June 2021, returning to face to face for the first time in over a year.

The CHIC continued its work developing the Community Housing Industry Strategy, with updates from the newly formed working group and a revised draft. Members agreed with the approach of aligning the Strategy with Housing 2041, which will allow for a deeper focus on aspects of Housing 2041 which intersect with the community housing industry.

CHIA NSW also provided an overview of industry development initiatives already in train to build sector capacity and these were considered in the context of the Strategy. A comprehensive consultation process on the Strategy with CHPs and other key stakeholders is still planned for the coming months.

A full suite of draft Guidance Notes to implement the Community Housing Partnerships Framework were presented to the CHIC. The Guidance Notes provide practical advice and tools to make it easier for NSW government agencies and registered CHPs to do business, and still retain the flexibility for tailored and nuanced approaches to individual transactions where required. Seven draft Guidance Notes have been developed, covering key areas of managing risk identified in earlier research, including risks associated with: unforeseen circumstances; information provided during procurement; changes in law; compliance and reporting; and managing disputes. Further consultation is planned. The documents have not yet been submitted to CHIC members for endorsement.

The first two year term of the CHIC will be complete 30 June 2021. With the endorsement of the Secretary DCJ, all current CHIC members will be invited to serve for its second two year term. The 2021-2022 CHIC business plan was discussed in detail, and will be finalised in the coming weeks.

The next CHIC meeting is scheduled for November 2021.