

Community Housing Industry Council

Communique

Meeting 14, 6 December 2022

The New South Wales (NSW) Community Housing Industry Council (CHIC) had its fourteenth meeting on 6 December 2022.

The NSW Community Housing Industry Strategy 2022-27 (CHIS) has been noted by the Minister, Family and Communities, and will be prepared for publication and implementation. The CHIS aims to maximise the community housing sector's contribution to the delivery of social and affordable housing in NSW, including by growing supply and/or by enabling effective partnerships and collaborations. Underpinning the CHIS is the intention to maximise public value.

The CHIC solidified the membership of the working groups who will deliver projects on the CHIC Work Plan 2022-24. Outputs with a high priority classification will be the focal point in the coming 6-12 months. The funding models working group lead provided an excellent progress update at the meeting. Additionally, LAHC provided an update of work they are undertaking in regards to decarbonisation, which helped the decarbonisation working group understand current government action and will inform the work they undertake to deliver on their work plan output.

CHIA gave an overview of how the sector can partner with Local Government to deliver affordable housing. CHIA has an extensive program of work specific to affordable housing and local government that is beneficial to guide the CHIC in moving forward with projects included in the work plan.

The National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation (NHFIC) provided an update on the Housing Australia Future Fund (HAFF). This was informative and timely.

Aboriginal Community Housing Industry Association (ACHIA) presented on Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALC) and other Aboriginal community controlled organisations. Discussion focused on what role the CHIC could have in ensuring these organisations are supported by the CHIC. Members confirmed their commitment to working with ACHIA to ensure this sector is represented in the work of the CHIC and more broadly.

The CHIC farewelled Michelle Adair, a long standing member representing the CHIA NSW Board, she will be replaced by Rebecca Pinkstone in 2023. Members were wished a happy holiday season, with thanks for their participation and commitment to the CHIC throughout the year.

The next CHIC meeting is scheduled for 26 April 2023, after the state election.