# Community Housing Industry Council

## Communique

## Meeting 4, 18 December 2019

The New South Wales (NSW) Community Housing Industry Council (CHIC) had its fourth meeting on 18 December 2019 in Sydney.

During the meeting the Council progressed these Business Plan priorities:

* developing a strategic vision for community housing
* reviewing the effectiveness and risks of current financial settings
* optimising industry performance.

The Council discussed the strategic effects of current housing and homelessness policies. They identified the lack of a capital program for new supply as key to rising social housing demand and asset portfolio management strategies that limit supply growth. Council are addressing these issues through their work on both the funding of community housing and the risks arising through current policy settings. Council will be working with CHIA NSW to consult with community housing organisations on how best to address risks that arise from current policy settings.

Council also discussed reports on land-use planning reforms to stimulate the supply of affordable housing, including:

* ‘meanwhile-use’ opportunities and creative design
* construction responses to those opportunities – such as ‘podular’ housing developed by the Aboriginal Housing Office.

Reflecting on a successful first year for the Council, the Chair, Dr Ian Winter, thanked Council members for their hard work. In particular their willingness to work collaboratively to develop a shared understanding of the challenges facing the community housing industry and how best to respond to them.

The CHIC will next meet on 18 March 2020.