

Community Housing Industry Council

Communique

Meeting 13, 15 September 2022

The New South Wales (NSW) Community Housing Industry Council (CHIC) had its thirteenth meeting on 15 September 2022.

The CHIC has published the [Community Housing Partnerships Framework \(the Framework\)](#) and [Guidance Notes](#). The Framework is not binding but is intended to be a useful tool for the sector and government agencies to assist when doing business. The draft Community Housing Industry Strategy is currently being considered by the Minister, Families and Communities.

The CHIC continued discussions about the Federal government housing policy commitments and the implications for NSW. Discussion focused on what role the CHIC could have in ensuring community housing sector engagement in planning for implementation and in formulating directions and models. Members confirmed their commitment to working together with commonwealth, state and local governments, CHPs and particularly ACHPs to optimise short and long-term outcomes from these Federal government housing initiatives.

An approach for decarbonising, and building climate change resilience, in social and affordable housing was discussed, including what role the CHIC can play in helping the sector to set goals, monitor and achieve these outcomes. A working group has been formed to drive this work, and a preliminary way forward was scoped.

LAHC and CHIA NSW led a discussion on the Community Housing Provider Performance Framework and the LAHC Charter, including the implications of both documents for the sector. The presentations were very informative and allowed for open and robust discussion to take place from both LAHC and CHP perspectives.

Additionally, LACH presented on the updated Community Housing Provider Direct Dealing Policy. This policy provides a pathway for LAHC and CHPs to work together and procure assets and services directly, where appropriate and prudent to do so.

The CHIC work plan 2022-24 has been endorsed by the DCJ Secretary, and priority projects have been identified, along with next steps.

The next CHIC meeting is scheduled for 6 December 2022.