

# Community Housing Industry Council

## Communique

Meeting 19, 6 August 2024

The New South Wales (NSW) Community Housing Industry Council (CHIC) had its nineteenth meeting on Tuesday 6 August 2024.

The meeting began with Emma Nicholson, Executive Director of Strategy, Policy and Regulation providing an update on progress happening across Homes NSW, the recently handed down budget, how it impacts the sector and governance structures being explored by Homes NSW.

### **CHIC project updates**

#### ***Decarbonising social and affordable housing project***

SGS Economics and Planning provided its final report on mapping NSW and Australian decarbonising policies and strategies. The report aims to map the current NSW and Australian policy setting. The report has been used by the CHIC to enable the CHIC to prepare a short paper with some preliminary observations and recommendations to assist community housing providers meet the challenge of decarbonisation. The CHIC paper has now been published and can be found [here](#)

#### ***Climate Change projects (CHIA NSW)***

CHIA NSW provided an update on stage 2 of its decarbonisation project. Project consultant Urbis has completed modelling of 47,000 community housing managed properties to estimate an energy efficiency baseline for the portfolio and test different intervention options. The key findings from this work, and emerging recommendations, were socialised with community housing providers at a workshop on 17 June 2024. The Decarbonisation Guidelines for Community Housing in NSW has been published on the CHIA NSW website at <https://communityhousing.org.au/publications-portal/>

#### ***Streamlining CHP Data Collection and Reporting project***

Progress is being made by consultants Societal, and additional data has been provided by key stakeholders identified in the initial project scope. It is anticipated that a draft report will be made available prior to the next CHIC meeting.

#### ***Showcasing the Community Housing Industry***

A draft 'Community Housing State of the Industry 2024' document has been submitted by CHIA NSW for preliminary feedback. The document aims to highlight the performance data and evidence that demonstrates the strength of the industry and its growing capacity to deliver better financial and social outcomes with our partners.

Early feedback will be incorporated, and the final document will be published on CHIA NSW's website and circulated to the sector.

The CHIC also welcomed an update from Housing Portfolio's Robert Stark on progress being made in Waterloo Estate and Elizabeth Street. The group engaged in positive discussion about the benefits of large-scale developments being undertaken by Homes NSW and how they will positively impact the current housing shortage.

The next CHIC meeting is scheduled for 11 December 2024.