

Community Housing Industry Council

Communique

Meeting 20, 13 February 2025

The New South Wales (NSW) Community Housing Industry Council (CHIC) had its twentieth and final meeting on Thursday 13 February 2025.

The meeting began with Rebecca Pinkstone, Chief Executive Officer providing an update on progress happening across Homes NSW, and a sincere thank you to the CHIC for all their hard work and achievements over the five years that the CHIC has been operational. Rebecca advised that the focus for Homes NSW over the coming months is embedding a contracting and procurement approach within Homes NSW, focusing on Building Homes for Australians and creating a sub-region with a focus on the City of Sydney.

A strong theme within the update and across all of the work that the CHIC has undertaken over the last five years is that Community Housing Providers (CHPs) are front and centre to the future of the housing and homelessness space, solving the housing crisis will require deep and ongoing collaboration between government, not-for-profits and the business sector.

CHIC project updates

Streamlining CHP Data Collection and Reporting project

Campbell McArthur from Societal, provided the final findings for the data project. The final report is due to be submitted by the end of February 2025.

Climate Change projects (CHIA NSW)

CHIA NSW provided a recap on stage 1 and stage 2 of its decarbonisation project. The project has mapped the upgrade options available for the community housing portfolio and portfolio modelling. A detailed business case shows the returns to government based on which upgrade options are adopted. The Decarbonisation Guidelines for Community Housing in NSW has been published on the CHIA website at <https://communityhousing.org.au/publications-portal/>

Showcasing the Community Housing Industry

A final 'Community Housing State of the Industry 2024' document has been submitted by CHIA NSW. The document highlights 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.

Once approved the final document will be published on CHIA NSW's website and circulated to the sector.

Mark Degotardi, CHIA, Humair Ahmad, Homes NSW and Trevor Danos AM, Chair offered their reflections on the contribution that the CHIC has made across the community housing sector and government over the last five years.

A special thanks was also made to Wendy Hayhurst for instigating the establishment of the CHIC.

The CHIC is now CLOSED.