# Community Housing Industry Council

## Communique

## Meeting 10, 25 November 2021

The New South Wales (NSW) Community Housing Industry Council (CHIC) had its tenth meeting on 25 November 2021, back online (hopefully for the last time).

The CHIC continued its work developing the Community Housing Industry Strategy. Broad consultation on the draft Strategy was undertaken since the last meeting, with a wide range of stakeholders invited to provide feedback. Input was received from CHPs, Government agencies, community organisations, academics and industry partners. The feedback is being consolidated by CHIA NSW, who will progress the next draft of the Strategy for industry consideration.

Members also heard from DPIE’s Director of Housing Strategy Implementation about how social and affordable housing goals and actions in the Housing 2041 strategy were being implemented, and how CHPs can be engaged in this process. It is a key goal of the CHIC to align its Community Housing Industry Strategy with Housing 2041, so this was a very useful discussion in exploring how this alignment can be achieved.

The Community Housing Partnerships Framework and Guidance Notes were also subject to a broad consultation process, with government, CHPs and over 23 industry partner organisations invited to comment. The CHIC discussed the feedback and suggested amendments based on issues raised and comments made. The CHIC has now endorsed that these documents be submitted to the Secretary DCJ to approve and implement, noting that the Framework and Guidance Notes are a suggested approach and non-binding. Once endorsed by the DCJ Secretary, these will be circulated to all parties engaged in procurement and contracting in the government and community housing sectors.

The first two year term of the CHIC ended in 30 June 2021, and the CHIC has now entered its second term. With the approval of the Secretary DCJ, all current CHIC members have been invited to serve for a second two year term. A new ongoing independent Chair, Trevor Danos AM, has been appointed, as well as a new independent member, Mr John Nicolades, to fill a vacant position. The 2021-2022 CHIC business plan was discussed, and endorsed pending changes proposed by members being incorporated

The next CHIC meeting is scheduled for March 2022.