# Community Housing Industry Council

## Communique

## Meeting 15, 26 April 2023

The New South Wales (NSW) Community Housing Industry Council (CHIC) had its fifteenth meeting on 26 April 2023.

The meeting began with a discussion on the outcomes of the state election and the possible implications on both the machinery of government and on the community housing sector. This was followed by an update on the status of the Housing Australia Future Fund (HAFF).

Guest presenter, Monica Barone, CEO of City of Sydney, provided an informative presentation on the work Resilient Sydney is doing with local government to promote the development of affordable housing through contribution schemes. Resilient Sydney convenes the Affordable and Diverse Housing Steering Committee which aims to increase awareness, capability and support for delivering more affordable, social and diverse housing across Sydney. Ms Barone spoke about managing data, increasing the development of Affordable Housing Contribution Plans and delivery models, and CHIC members considered the implications of this work for the community housing sector.

DCJ’s FACSIAR provided an update on the status of the Future Directions evaluation. FACSIAR and the evaluators are working together with CHIA NSW and CHPs to ensure integrity of data and interpretation, and the first draft report of the SHMT report is anticipated in mid-May.

CHIC working groups continued to progress on their deliverables under [CHIC Work Plan 2022-24](https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/search.html?searchtext=CHIC). The CHIC heard a report on the outcomes of the funding models projects, which considered the advantageous and disadvantages of different funding models being used or proposed for development of social and affordable housing through the community housing sector. Not surprisingly, the review found that there is no one perfect delivery model and each model has advantages and disadvantages and works to meet different scales, markets and opportunities. The project recommends a mix of models be used and that feasible alternative models continue to be developed.

The decarbonisation of social and affordable housing project has also progressed with a preliminary scoping of the commonwealth and state government policy landscapes, and the start of CHIA NSW’s project to better understand the implications of climate change for community housing providers.

The first working group for the streamlining CHP data collected and reported project was held in March. At this meeting, it was agreed that a key focus of this project will be to reduce duplication in data collected from CHPs, and alleviate some of the reporting burden where possible. A first step will be to map data that is currently collected from CHPs, including what is collected, why it is collected and what benchmarks and definitions are being used. The project will reach out to DCJ, LAHC and CHPs to assist in this process.

A working group meeting was also held to commence the showcasing the community housing sector project as well as to develop an updated community housing industry strategy. The Chair of the group reported that next stage for both projects will further scoping, sector consultation and engaging appropriate contractors to progress the work.

As the scheduling of this meeting was moved to April to allow time for the state election and the school holidays, it is proposed that the next meeting be moved to August and that three meetings be held this year. Therefore, the next CHIC meeting is scheduled for August 2023.