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CHIA welcomes reappointment of Clare O'Neil and new Special Envoy for Social Housing and Homelessness

The Community Housing Industry Association (CHIA) has today welcomed the Albanese Government's reappointment of Clare O'Neil as Housing and Homelessness Minister and the appointment of Macnamara MP, Josh Burns, as a new Special Envoy for Social Housing and Homelessness.

"Minister O'Neil's reappointment brings not only valuable continuity but also her proven drive, and commitment to addressing Australia's housing challenges," Hayhurst said. "Minister O'Neil's clear understanding of housing policy will be invaluable as we move forward with implementing the Housing Australia Future Fund."

Ms Hayhurst also congratulated Josh Burns MP on his new role, noting his longstanding advocacy as one of the co-chairs of the Parliamentary Friends of Housing.

"Mr Burns brings tremendous expertise and enthusiasm to this critical new role. As co-chair of the Parliamentary Friends of Housing, he has consistently demonstrated his commitment to addressing the severe shortage of social housing and finding effective solutions to homelessness."

"This appointment sends a clear signal that the government recognises social housing and homelessness require dedicated attention and focused policy responses. It acknowledges that these issues are central to solving Australia's broader housing challenges."

Ms Hayhurst emphasised that CHIA looks forward to working closely with both Minister O'Neil and Special Envoy Burns to increase the supply of social housing and reduce homelessness across Australia.

"With homelessness continuing to rise and waiting lists for social housing growing ever longer, we need a coordinated and ambitious approach. These appointments suggest the government is serious about providing homes for our most vulnerable citizens."

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