

Community Housing Sector Backs Progress of Housing Australia Future Fund

Australian Community Housing (ACH) is celebrating major progress on the Federal Government's Housing Australia Future Fund (HAFF), as hundreds of new homes funded through the initial rounds come online – with thousands more in the pipeline.

After years of chronic underinvestment, this marks a significant achievement for the community housing sector – building momentum from a standing start and laying the foundations for lasting impact.

ACH represents more than 150 not-for-profit community housing providers across Australia. Together, members manage over 130,000 existing homes nationwide and are on track to deliver thousands more under HAFF. Over 18,000 more homes are now underway through the Fund and are being built in communities across the country.

A further 20,000+ homes remain to be funded under the HAFF, representing a critical opportunity for government and the community housing sector to accelerate delivery and ensure homes are built where they're needed most.

"The HAFF is the most powerful tool we have to turn the housing crisis around and create a system that delivers for every Australian," said **Alex Raphael, Interim CEO, Australian Community Housing**.

"Bold, long-term programs like this are how we build the consistent and growing pipeline of social and affordable homes our country urgently needs."

Across Australia, community housing providers are already seeing the Fund's impact, with projects progressing in both metropolitan and regional communities.

"Through HAFF, we're delivering more than 3,400 new social and affordable homes nationally," said **Michael Lennon, Interim CEO, Housing Choices Australia**.

"In Victoria alone, 440 homes will be completed within the next six months. These developments will provide safe, modern, energy-efficient homes that give thousands of families the security, stability and opportunity they deserve."

This momentum is being mirrored in other parts of the country, with providers like Evolve Housing showing how HAFF is already translating into completed homes and real outcomes for tenants.

"Our first HAFF project in Sunshine North, Victoria, was completed in June this year, giving 85 households a new place to call home. We are working tirelessly to deliver the full 1253 homes we have committed to under HAFF over the coming months and years," said **Lyall Gorman, CEO, Evolve Housing**.

"Alongside our partners in government and the private sector, we will keep building thriving, inclusive communities for those most in need."

At the same time, providers are showing how effective partnerships can accelerate delivery and expand impact.

"In September, we welcomed the first tenants into 102 new homes in Box Hill, Victoria. It's one of four HAFF projects that will deliver 600 homes across three states and a clear example of how collaboration and long-term investment are helping more people into safe, affordable homes," **Joe Achmar, Chief Financial and Investment Officer, SGCH**.

ACH and its members remain committed to ensuring the Fund's long-term success by embedding affordability, community benefit and tenant wellbeing at the heart of every project, creating homes that deliver enduring social and economic value for generations to come.