Australian Community Housing

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Auditor-General's figures show HAFF pipeline set to deliver more than ten times the homes built so far

Statement attributable to Mark Degotardi, chief executive of Australian Community Housing:

“Australia’s community housing sector welcomes the release of the Auditor-General's report into the Housing Australia Future Fund (HAFF) that confirms that the HAFF was well designed, well founded and is now building homes at scale,” Mr Degotardi says.

“The ANAO report makes important observations about improving scrutiny and oversight of performance. This oversight is critical and it should build on the changes Housing Australia has already made to improve HAFF outcomes, changes our members have seen firsthand.

“We also welcome the ANAO's findings on governance, risk management and public reporting, and the Government’s acceptance of all five recommendations. We support the work of the Government, Treasury and Housing Australia to strengthen how this program is monitored and reported.

“The HAFF represents the first serious, sustained Commonwealth commitment to social and affordable housing in decades, and is a complex, nation-building program that ACH and its 131 members are fully behind.

“Anyone who has actually built social housing knows this isn't like flicking a switch. You're establishing a brand-new national investment vehicle, aligning it with state and territory planning systems that all work differently, and doing all of that from a standing start.

“The pipeline is building pace. The Auditor-General’s figures show more than 10 times the number of social and affordable homes are forecast for delivery in the next three years than in the entire life of the HAFF program so far. We cannot afford to lose that momentum just as it's starting to pay off.

“The housing crisis is being felt everywhere, and support for doing something about it is universal. This Federal Government program has given state governments, local councils, the private sector and community organisations a reason to get serious about social and affordable housing again.

"Most importantly, low-income families, essential workers, and older Australians benefit directly from the community housing delivered through the HAFF. Those people remain our focus as we continue this critical work."

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Australian Community Housing works collaboratively with state and territory peak bodies to represent our 131 full Community Housing Provider (CHP) members — who collectively manage more than 149,000 homes valued at over $23 billion. Together, we advocate for the growth and recognition of the community housing sector at a national level.

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