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Australia's community housing peak body welcomes 1,000 new social and affordable homes by 2027

Australian Community Housing has welcomed a new Housing Australia Future Fund stream that will prioritise up to 1,000 social and affordable homes, all to be built and tenanted by the end of 2027.

Stream 5 – Release 1, announced by Housing Australia today under Funding Round 3 of the HAFF, will fund the homes as fixed packages of exactly 200 dwellings, made up of 100 social homes and 100 affordable homes, in shovel ready, low density projects. Homes must be well located, with access to employment, essential services and amenity through active or public transport, and applicants must demonstrate demand for social and affordable housing.

Mark Degotardi, Chief Executive of Australian Community Housing, the national peak body for not-for-profit community housing providers, said the stream would get homes on the ground quickly for people who need secure, affordable housing, including older Australians, single parents, people living with disability and essential workers such as nurses, teachers and childcare staff who are being priced out of the communities where they work

"This is a welcome announcement and a smart use of the Housing Australia Future Fund," Mr Degotardi said.

"It will help keep Australia on track to deliver the 40,000 social and affordable homes committed under the HAFF by 2029. Community housing providers are working incredibly hard to achieve that goal and will be central to turning those commitments into completed homes and secure tenancies.

"Using every dollar of the HAFF to get houses built and tenanted is exactly what this stream does. It backs projects that are ready to go and it sets a hard deadline of December 2027, putting families in homes even faster.

"These homes have to go where they are needed. The criteria require genuine access to jobs, schools, transport and services, and applicants have to demonstrate real demand in that community. That is the right test, and it is the difference between a home that works for the person living in it and one that does not.

"We also welcome the encouragement for regional proposals. Regional communities have been waiting a long time for housing at this scale, and low rise homes are well suited to regional delivery.

"The community housing sector is ready to deliver. They develop the homes, they hold them for the long term, and they manage the tenancies, the maintenance and the support that goes with them. They are registered and regulated under the national regulatory system for community housing, they reinvest every surplus into more homes, and they hold those homes as enduring community infrastructure."

Locations will be determined through the expressions of interest process, which opens at 12pm on 14 September.

For more information on Stream 5 – Release 1, including eligibility and application requirements, visit the [Housing Australia](https://www.housingaustralia.gov.au/) website.

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About Australian Community Housing

Australian Community Housing is the national peak body for Community Housing Providers (CHPs). ACH members collectively manage and own around 149,000 social and affordable homes across the country. Our sector works to ensure that everyone in Australia has a home that is safe, secure and affordable, while also building stronger, more connected communities.