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Productivity Commission draft report states: Australia's social housing system is broken!

As published on the Productivity Commission website

On Friday 2nd June 2017 the Productivity Commission released a draft report titled "Introducing Competition and Informed User Choice into Human Services: Reforms to Human Services" which states:

Australia's social housing system is broken. It is inequitable, with people in similar circumstances receiving vastly different levels of support, and offers little choice of home for tenants. Over 150,000 households are waiting to enter social housing, and at any time, the number of households eligible for social housing substantially exceeds the availability of properties. Reform is needed to place users at the centre of the system.

A new system of funding for social housing

The draft report recommends a radical overhaul of funding arrangements to:

- 1) Extend Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA)
- 2) Transition social housing providers (both public and community) to charging market rents

In February 2017, Dr Tony Gilmour of Housing Action Network coordinated a submission on behalf of the CHCSA and other peak bodies in response to the December 2016 report.

To read that submission click [here](#)

The Productivity Commissions invites feedback on the draft report with submissions due by Friday 14th July 2017.

To read the full report click [here](#)

If you wish to lodge a submission in response to the report click [here](#)

Financial Management Training for Tier 3 CHP's

The Office of Housing Regulation is sponsoring Financial Management Training for Tier 3 housing providers in South Australia. Presented by Third Sector Management Solutions this workshop will be held on **Monday 26th June 2017 from 9am – 3.30pm.**

Registrations will be taken on a first in basis with a maximum of 2 people per organisation. To register your place in this workshop contact Yasushi Nishioka on 7424 7210 or Yasushi.nishioka@sa.gov.au

CBS Connect: Property management reforms

As published on the Consumer & Business Services website

The SA Government has proposed the introduction of property management registration. An employee of a registered land agent performing residential or commercial property management will be required to be registered as a property manager. The Land Agents (Registration of Property Managers and Other Matters) Amendment Bill 2017 was introduced into the SA Parliament on 31st May 2017. For more information click [here](#)

CBS is consulting with the CHCSA in regards to how this will affect our members. According to our records there are only three community housing providers that are registered land agents. The CHCSA will continue to keep members up to date.

Position Vacant: Business Relations Specialist (Policy & Projects)

As published on the seek.com website

Renewal SA is leading the urban renewal of Adelaide on behalf of the Government of South Australia by creating inspiring places where people want to live, work, invest and spend time.

Not-for-profit Community Housing Providers partner with Renewal SA to provide affordable and social housing to the state's most disadvantaged people.

The Business Relations Specialist (Policy and Projects) supports Renewal SA on behalf of the SAHT to manage, assist and enhance the ongoing performance of community housing providers who have been contracted by the SAHT to deliver social and affordable housing outcomes. For a full copy of this Position Vacant click [here](#)

For more information or to apply for this position contact Renewal SA at RenewalSA.P&C@sa.gov.au. Applications close at midday on Monday 12th June 2017.

Have your SAY about your experience with SACAT

SACAT has been in operation for two years, and an independent review is being undertaken to assess whether its performance and services have met expectations and to suggest improvements. Sharing your experience and views of SACAT will help to build a picture of whether SACAT has met its goals, to help identify areas of improvement and to set a vision for the role of SACAT in the future.

You can get involved by completing the survey located [here](#). A report will be published in late 2017 and will be available via the YourSAY website.

CHL opens new office to cater for its expanding role

Member for Enfield, the Hon Jon Rau MP, officially opened Community Housing Ltd’s (CHL) new state of the art office in the northern suburb of Prospect amidst a gathering of its key partners from Government, community groups and support agencies. He was accompanied by Steve Bevington, Managing Director of CHL Group.

CHL is one of the successful recipients of the management transfers of 762 Housing Trust properties in the central northern suburbs of Adelaide as part of the SA Government’s ‘Renewing our Streets and Suburbs’ initiative. CHL will be commencing the management of these properties from late September 2017 in the suburbs of Northgate, Northfield, Clearview, Enfield and Oakden. To read the full article click [here](#). For more information on Community Housing Ltd visit www.chl.org.au



Calls to stop ‘Revolving Door’ between prisons & homelessness

As published on the Pro Bono website

Peak homelessness bodies together with criminal justice advocates, are calling for urgent action to see a “monumental boost” to social housing after new data found 4,000 people went from prison to living it rough last year. Data from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) and the Council to Homeless Persons found the number of people exiting prisons with nowhere to go has increased by 54 per cent over the past three years. To read the full article click [here](#)

Housing & Homelessness Ministers meet in Adelaide

As published on the HousingInfo website

Australia’s Commonwealth, State and Territory Housing and Homelessness Ministers met in Adelaide recently to discuss a range of issues, including affordable housing; the new housing and homelessness agreement in the Commonwealth Government’s 2017-2018 Budget; and remote housing.

The Ministers issued a communique highlighting that the States and Territories welcomed the announcement in the Budget that homelessness funding would now be ongoing.

To read the full article click [here](#). To download the communique click [here](#)

CHCSA Calendar of Events

Wednesday 14th June 2017

Friday 16th June 2017

Wednesday 21st June 2017

Wednesday 28th June 2017

Friday 30th June 2017

Central Forum

Hoarding & Living in Squalor Workshop

Tier 3 Housing Co-operatives

Hoarding & Living in Squalor Workshop

Tier 1, 2 & 3 Housing Associations & Companies

Recognising & Responding to DV Workshop

Tier 1, 2 & 3 Housing Associations & Companies

Five Scenarios – the law and SACAT

Tier 1, 2 & 3 Housing Associations & Companies

CHCSA Recommended Links

[Consumer and Business Services \(CBS\)](#)

[South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal \(SACAT\)](#)

[Tenants Information & Advisory Service \(TIAS\)](#)

[Community Centres SA](#)

[Mediation SA](#)

[Legislation](#)

[ATO Benchmark Market Rent Rates](#)

[STARService](#)

[Volunteering SA&NT](#)

[Renewal SA](#)

[Data SA](#)

[Co-operative Resources Guide](#) ***NEW***

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