

10 things to know about community housing in NSW



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People who live in community housing are ordinary people who just don't earn as much as others. Community housing providers don't discriminate by race, gender, or disability.



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The sector's charitable status makes it exempt from GST, land tax and stamp duty and helps it attract philanthropic donations - meaning it can make housing more affordable for tenants.



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Community housing providers are not-for-profit organisations that invest any profits back into new housing, more services or improving our properties - not into dividends for shareholders or executive bonuses.



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Community housing providers run services for tenants such as work programs, training and counselling. This is something the private sector model is not geared up do.



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The community-housing sector in NSW already manages and owns more than 35,000 properties in 115 council areas - and it's growing every year.



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Community housing providers need to be good business managers. They are innovative, entrepreneurial and, unlike private developers, they're heavily regulated against performance standards to protect tenants and make sure they remain financially viable.



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Surveys consistently show community housing tenants are happier with their homes than public housing tenants.



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Developers build and flip. Community housing providers manage their housing for the long term, so design matters, and so does quality and running costs for tenants



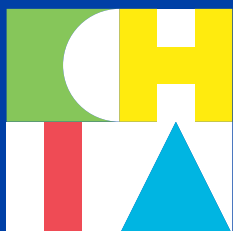
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Unlike public housing, community housing can leverage its asset base and cash flows as security to attract private finance and build more affordable homes.



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Community housing is hugely successful in other big expensive cities. One in 10 Londoners live in some model of community housing.



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