



Parity

A Call for Contributions – May 2023

Beyond the Capitals: The Role of Community Housing in Responding to Homelessness and Housing Stress in Regional, Rural and Remote Australia

Deadline: COB Friday 12 May 2023.

Word length: Contributions can be up to 1,600 words. Submissions to be sent to: parity@chp.org.au

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Introduction

Community Housing Providers (CHPs) now play an increasingly important role, and in many cases, a dominant role, in providing housing responses for those in housing need in regional, rural and remote Australia.

Homelessness and housing stress issues and indeed affordable housing issues, in regional, rural and remote areas of Australia are both quantitatively and qualitatively different and distinct from the housing access issues in metropolitan Australia and its capital cities. However, regional, rural and remote Australia is by no means a homogenous entity and covers a wide diversity of distinct locations, locations that have specific, if not a unique, set of homelessness and housing issues. This means that there is also a range of different issues between the many regional, rural and remote areas themselves, and likewise, the housing responses appropriate to these very different locations.

Further adding to the need for a non-homogenous approach to the development and implementation housing solutions are the range of issues facing communities impacted by the pandemic, FIFO workers, increasing levels of short-stay accommodation and the diminishing access of communities to essential services.



This edition is dedicated to the discussion of these manifold issues, and the critical work of different Community Housing Providers in responding to them. It will also discuss the many constraints and difficulties CHPs face in responding to these issues and meeting the housing demands and requirements of different locations and their distinct communities.

A framework for discussion

Part 1: Homelessness and housing stress in regional, rural and remote areas of Australia

The aim of this chapter is to provide the opportunity to identify and discuss the different and distinct issues of homelessness and housing stress in regional, rural and remote areas.

- What are the main issues confronting the provision of housing in the many different regional, rural and remote settings?
- What are some of the different and distinct issues in the many different regional, rural and remote areas? For example, the issues in a major regional setting are going to be different from those in a predominantly rural area and likewise these issues are going to be different again in remote and very remote communities, and different again for the many distinct First Nations communities in other remote locations.

Part 2: Responding to homelessness and housing stress in regional, rural and remote areas of Australia

The aim of this chapter is to give CHPs working in these all these locations the opportunity to describe, discuss and explain the policies programs and initiatives they have put in place in regional, rural and remote areas, to attempt to meet the housing requirements of those experiencing homelessness and housing stress.

These responses can, and probably will, be different depending on the circumstances and conditions based their location. Different and distinct locations in regional, rural and remote areas will have different kinds of housing need and will require different kinds of responses and different levels of funding/support from their state and territory housing governments.

- How do the housing responses of CHPs working in regional, rural and remote settings differ from those appropriate to capital cities and their metropolitan areas?
- How do the responses differ depending on their regional, rural and remote setting?



- Are the responses necessarily different in the many different regional, rural and remote settings?
- How and in what way are these responses different across national jurisdictions? For example, what is and appropriate and relevant housing response in remote Northern Territory will not be appropriate for rural areas of Tasmania.
- Are the demographics of a particular location the key factor in determining the community housing response?

This chapter is also an opportunity to discuss best practice example of community housing provision in regional, rural and remote areas as well as programs designed to support community housing tenants maintain and sustain their tenancies.

Part 3: Constraints in Meeting Housing Needs Regional, Rural and Remote Australia

The aim of this chapter is to give CHPs working in in regional, rural and remote settings the opportunity to examine and discuss the difficulties, constraints and obstacles they face and experience in meeting the housing needs of those experiencing homelessness and housing stress in in regional, rural and remote areas.

- What are the main constraints and obstacles CHPs face in providing housing in regional, rural and remote areas?
- How does the imperatives of these different locations impact on the provision of affordable housing?
- Do these locations impose additional and prohibitive funding constraints on the provision of housing in these areas?
- How do the governments in the different State and Territory jurisdictions assist CHP overcome these constraints and obstacles?
- Is there a need for a distinct national housing policy and program for regional, rural and remote areas?



- Discussion about how the need to redevelop thriving local communities in these areas might contribute to improved housing opportunities/outcomes?

Part 4: Responding to Disaster

The aim of this chapter is to discuss the role and work of CHPs in responding to the housing need resulting from the many and various “natural” disasters that have disproportionately impacted on regional, rural and rural locations.

- How have CHPs responded to the housing crisis caused the various “natural” disasters like fire and floods that have afflicted many different communities in regional, rural and remote settings across several states and territories?
- How have CHPs provided housing to meet the needs of affected communities?
- What have been the parameters of this response and is it sustainable?
- How have these various responses impacted on the work of CHPs in different jurisdictions?
- How and in what ways have CHPs worked with governments to meet the housing loss caused by these disasters?
- How do factors connected with location, for example, the difficulty in obtaining insurance impact on the capacity of CHP’s to provide housing?

Part 5: Opinions

This chapter is intended to give leaders in CHPS the opportunity to advocate for the policies from government that will best support their work and provide housing for those experiencing homelessness or housing stress in regional, rural and remote areas.

The question is always: *What is to be done?*



Key information

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