



NHC23 Program, 10 to 12 October 2023, Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre

Tuesday 10 October 2023

7.30am	Sunrise session			Sunrise session			Sunrise session	
9.00am	Welcome to the Conference Welcome to Country by Songwoman Maroochy Barambah and Ministerial address from The Hon Julie Collins MP							
9.30am	Plenary 1: National Agenda Conversation Australia is experiencing genuine challenges in our housing systems – insufficient and slowing supply, extremely low rental vacancy levels resulting in a lack of available housing for many households, rising rents, high home purchase prices not dampened by increasing interest rates, and mortgage stress. These challenges are compounded by changing population distribution putting regional markets into new levels of difficulty, as well as climate change and sustainability challenges in need of urgent response. This session explores how we are responding to myriad housing challenges as a nation.							
10.30am	<i>Morning tea</i>							
11am	Major Concurrent 1: Financing and investing in new housing supply Delivering new housing supply requires significant investment. This session explores new ways of financing housing delivery, bringing together diverse perspectives working to address a key housing challenge.			Major Concurrent 2: Aboriginal home ownership Rates of home ownership remain relatively low. This session explores options and innovations to increase ownership rates among Aboriginal households, and how well they are working			Major Concurrent 3: State of the Cities Given Australia’s population distribution, the greatest number of people are living in our cities, in both central and suburban locations. Local governments are increasingly engaged in housing affordability issues. This session examines leading responses in metropolitan solutions.	
12.30pm	<i>Lunch</i>							
1.30pm	Concurrent 1: Cross sector collaboration for tenant outcomes What are the challenges and opportunities when partnerships form between different sectors to support good outcomes for renters?	Concurrent 2: Housing and Climate: retrofit and circular economy perspectives Changing climates and rising energy costs are closely linked to housing quality and sustainability. This session considers sustainable building, retrofit practices and energy efficiency.	Concurrent 3: Australian Housing First experiences This session explores recent programs designed from a Housing First perspective, with particular interest in pandemic era responses.	Concurrent 4: Housing solutions for young people leaving care Leaving out of home care for young people is a key transition. Recent changes in policy and practice are creating opportunities for positive outcomes.	Concurrent 5: Housing co-operatives Co-operative housing models are less common in Australia than similar countries. This session considers what are the benefits of this approach and how we can build this sector.	Concurrent 6: Boosting home ownership through shared equity A range of innovative shared equity programs are seeking to support home ownership – This session considers how these programs are different to earlier state government programs and their prospects.	Think Tank 1: Innovative practices in Aboriginal housing How are providers, government agencies and partners innovating in delivery of positive housing outcomes for Aboriginal households and communities? 	


3.00pm	<i>Afternoon tea</i>
3.30pm	Plenary Session 2: Rental Systems – international perspectives What can we learn from the management and regulation of private rental markets in other countries? This plenary panel session draws on experiences in Canada and the US, along with Australia.
5.00pm	Community Housing Limited Official Welcome Reception, Exhibition Precinct, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

Wednesday 11 October

7.30am	Sunrise session	Sunrise session	Sunrise session				
9.00am	Welcome						
9.20am	Plenary Session 3: States of the Nation This panel session draws together leaders from a range of segments of Australia’s housing systems, covering housing policy, research and advocacy, private rentals, social housing, and homeownership. Discussion will focus on current challenges and opportunities to improve housing outcomes across the nation, and how we can work together to find a way forward.						
10.30am	<i>Morning tea</i>						
11.00am	Plenary Session 4: A way forward for Aboriginal housing How can Aboriginal housing specialists address a legacy of government Aboriginal policy and Aboriginal intervention on present day housing challenges? What are the opportunities and how can we maximise them across urban, regional and remote settings?						
12.30pm	<i>Lunch</i>						
1.30pm	Concurrent 7: Lived experiences of housing vulnerability This session explores a range of lived experiences of housing vulnerability and considers how these experiences can inform policy to better support vulnerable households.	Concurrent 8: Working together to improve housing for people with disability What opportunities arise from new programs and partnerships designed to improve the suitability and affordability of housing to meet the needs of people with disability?	Concurrent 9: Towards better renting experiences Australia’s rental markets are under enormous strain – how are emerging tools and programs amplifying the voice and supporting the needs of renters.	Concurrent 10: New models for youth housing This session discusses new collaborations and programs offering housing with support for young people at risk of homelessness and how these lead to better outcomes both short- and long-term.	Concurrent 11: Escaping Violence What factors contribute to better long-term safety and housing outcomes for women, and how are programs responding to need?	Concurrent 12: Housing older Australians How are emerging programs and service offerings housing vulnerable older Australians considering built form and community building factors?	Think Tank 2: Collaboration in a time of crisis This session will explore how collaboration and service coordination are being used to design programs to meet complex and specific needs. 
3.00pm	<i>Afternoon tea</i>						

3:30pm	Plenary 5: Climate Climate change, and the increasing impacts of natural disasters present fundamental challenges for housing. In this session we hear from an internationally renowned leader in responding to these challenges, and the opportunities for Australian innovative responses.
7.00pm	Indigenous Business Australia NHC Conference Dinner – The Rivershed, Howard Smith Wharves <i>(not included in registration)</i>

Thursday 12 October

9.00am	Major Concurrent 4: Planning and design How can planning and design enhance housing outcomes and the provision of new housing supply?	Major Concurrent 5: New thinking in regional housing Since the onset of the pandemic, new challenges have emerged for regional housing markets. How are governments and communities responding to these challenges and ensuring good housing outcomes?	Major Concurrent 6: Housing systems and structural change Australia’s housing systems continue to evolve – what are the system level responses we need to ensure more positive outcomes and better coordination among key stakeholders?			
10.30am	<i>Morning tea</i>					
11.00am	Concurrent 13: Aboriginal community housing – a specialist sector How are Aboriginal community housing providers responding to community need, developing workforce capacity, and partnering for better outcomes?	Concurrent 14: Placemaking and community building A placemaking perspective puts housing provision in a neighbourhood and community context – what are the implications for service providers and funders?	Concurrent 15: The building role of local governments Local governments are increasingly engaged in addressing housing affordability and homelessness – what opportunities does this engagement bring, and what are the barriers?	Concurrent 16: Improving tenant outcomes in social housing Sustaining positive tenancies and supporting the broader wellbeing of tenants is a key concern for social landlords. This session explores recent innovations in monitoring and maintaining good tenant outcomes.	Concurrent 17: Head leasing programs In head leasing programs, private rental property is rented by a community housing provider or a government agency, to then be let to a social tenant. How are these programs being adapted in new ways?	Think Tank 3: Repurposing property How can we make more efficient use of property to deliver positive housing outcomes in the short term? 
12.30pm	<i>Lunch</i>					
1.30pm	Plenary 6: A way forward for the housing system At the close of the conference, drawing together the lessons and experiences across the conference program, as well as recent evidence and policy reform agendas, this final session tackles the key question: what is the way forward for housing in Australia?					
3pm	Close conference.					
3pm to 4.30pm	<i>Networking Closing Drinks, Plaza Terrace, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre</i>					