

Aims, Objectives and Principal Activities

NSW Federation of Housing Associations

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Aims

To promote Housing Associations as a viable, socially responsible and accountable housing option, which contributes significantly to increased consumer choice, access to appropriate, affordable and secure housing, and the targeting of resources to need.

To support the expansion in supply of long-term, low cost rental housing within the Housing Associations sector, and the development and delivery of good quality, well-managed and cost effective housing services which are responsive to changing community needs.

To promote the importance of consumer representation in the Housing Association sector and to encourage tenant participation, rights and empowerment in the management and service delivery of housing associations.

To support the principles of equal opportunity and non-discriminatory practices in management and service delivery throughout the sector and to achieve the highest standards for accountability, efficiency and community service.

To ensure that the Federation responds and meets the needs of a diverse membership serving varied geographic areas and needs groups, and to encourage participation of the membership in the Federation.

Objectives

To ensure that the interests of the Housing Association sector are represented effectively and appropriately at all tiers of government and within the broader social housing environment, and to enhance the sector's participation in consultative and policy development processes with government.

To facilitate information and skills exchange, effective communication, co-ordination and linkages between Housing Associations, and between the sector and relevant government and non-government organisations.

To maintain an overview of the trends and characteristics of the Housing Association sector, to identify gaps and inadequacies in service provision and to promote strategic needs based planning of community housing resources.

To identify and encourage the development of creative and innovative models of housing service provision, including linkages with support services and of project and dwelling design in the Housing Association sector.

To encourage the development of a range of tenure types to support a diversity of housing providers within the Housing Association sector.

To resource the Housing Association sector through the provision of training, management support and evaluation and other services.

To increase the housing associations' access to existing and new sources of funding and to investigate new mechanisms for enhancing the financial independence of the sector.

These aims and objectives will be achieved through the following broad strategies:

Resourcing;
Co-ordination; and
Representation.

Principal Activities

Resourcing the Housing Association sector through the development and provision of training, information, management and technical support and a range of other services.

Co-ordination of the sector through developing linkages between Housing Associations at both a regional and state level, providing a forum for debate and discussion within the Housing Association sector, developing links with other community housing organisations and regional, state and national levels.

Representation of the Housing Association sector through contribution to the public policy development process, providing a point of contact for the sector and acting as a mechanism for the sector to promote itself.