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EOIs sought for working groups on tenancy law reform and sector insurance

Insurance working group

The Federation is establishing a working group to identify the best options for insurance for the sector next year, once providers are no longer expected to use CHIS. If enough members want to be part of a group insurance scheme, we expect the working group would oversee a tender process.

We are calling for expressions of interest for three (3) sector representatives. The Federation board has agreed to a 6 person group with 2 board nominees and 1 external insurance expert.

Could any association interested in nominating a person to the committee provide a brief expression of interest by e-mail to lam@communityhousing.org.au by Friday 13th.

The Federation Board has approved the attached terms of reference.

Tenancy law reforms are now available for public consultation

Yesterday, the Minister for Fair Trading released the draft *Residential Tenancies Bill (2009)* for feedback and comment before December 18. This law reform reflects the most significant change to tenancy law since its inception in 1987. As the legal cornerstone of the tenancy work carried out by Housing Associations in NSW, it is of utmost importance that the community housing sector makes detailed submissions to the Office of Fair Trading. The law is expected to be introduced to Parliament early 2010. The draft bill is available on the [Office of Fair Trading website](#)

Tenancy law reform working group

We are seeking expressions of interest from skilled and interested housing practitioners from the sector to study the draft changes in detail to inform the Federation's submission. Please email

lyndall@communityhousing.org.au by Wednesday 11 November.

Please find attached the fact sheet and press release relating to the draft law reform.

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