



Communique Aboriginal Housing Victoria Board Meeting Melbourne Thursday 24 November 2016

The Board of Directors of Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV) held their eighth Board meeting for the calendar year today, Thursday 24 November, 2016 in Melbourne.

The AHV Board welcomes the announcement by the Premier of Victoria, the Hon Daniel Andrews MP, of the Government's 10 Year Plan to end family violence. The 10 Year Plan recognises the over-representation of Aboriginal people as victims of family violence, and reinforces the Government's commitment to Aboriginal community led responses and self-determination. This commitment has already been demonstrated through title transfer of former public housing properties to AHV, and more recently through AHV's successful funding submission under the Rapid Housing Fund. AHV looks forward to continuing to work in partnership with the Victorian Government to achieve the delivery of culturally safe and holistic housing and support services to Aboriginal victims of family violence.

ASSET MANAGEMENT

The Board considered a number of asset management proposals.

The Board approved the release of a tender for the cyclical maintenance safety program. Under the safety program tests and necessary safety works will be undertaken on gas heaters and smoke detectors in all AHV owned and managed properties.

The Board agreed to sell seven vacant properties in areas of low demand and low priority for development which are no longer economical to retain. Proceeds from the sales are to be utilised to fund building of new units.

The Board considered that the significant works required on two existing properties in the Southern Metropolitan region are not viable and agreed to proceed to redevelop the sites to build multiple villa units. Capital renewal works were approved on a further two properties that are not able to be redeveloped but are viable to retain once the works are completed.

VICTORIAN HOUSING REGISTER & ALLOCATIONS POLICY

The Board noted advice from the Chief Executive Officer that development of the allocations policy for the Victorian Government's Victorian Housing Register has commenced. Aboriginal Housing Victoria's allocation policy will need to change to align with Government's policy once it is finalised.