



## **Communique**

### **Aboriginal Housing Victoria Board Meeting**

### **Wednesday 23 December 2020**

The Board of Directors of Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV) held their fifteenth Board meeting for the calendar year on Wednesday 23 December 2020, via videoconference.

#### **Aboriginal Rapid Housing Response Program**

The Government has announced that the \$35m collaborative bid for maintenance and upgrades of Aboriginal social housing, has been successful. The program will deliver repairs and upgrades to some AHV properties, and to the rental properties owned and managed by Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations across Victoria. The Board has approved the preliminary funding deed with the Director of Housing for the Program and has approved the appointment of the external project manager.

#### **Approval of commercial adviser**

For AHV to maximise the opportunities that has arisen from the announcement of the housing growth package as part of the Victorian Government budget, AHV will form a proposal for new asset projects for discussion and approval by the AHV Board. Since appointing a project consultant, The Board has now approved the engagement of an experienced development consultant to provide commercial advice to develop AHV's housing development pipeline.

#### **Approval of Community Housing Funding Deed**

The Board has approved the funding deed for the Housing Stimulus Program – Community Maintenance Stimulus Package.

#### **AHV Developments**

Two AHV owned sites in Dandenong and Hampton Park were unsuccessful in AHV's round one the Social Housing Growth Fund (SHGF) submission, however the Victorian Government announced in June 2020 that it would fund these developments and another community housing agencies' development as part of Building Victoria's recovery program. The Board approved this informal offer of funding from Homes Victoria.

The Board has approved the engagement of a builder to construct a 14 unit development in Reservoir on existing land owned by AHV. The project achieved successful approval under the SHGF program in 2019.