

# Communique Aboriginal Housing Victoria Board Meeting Melbourne Thursday 28 April 2016

The Board of Directors of Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV) held their second Board meeting for the calendar year today, Thursday 28 April, 2016 in Melbourne.

# **Child Safe policy**

The Board approved the implementation of Child Safe policy and practices, to enable AHV to comply with the Victorian Government's new Child Safe standards for funded agencies, and to support Board directors, staff and volunteers to understand and meet their legal obligations to report child sexual abuse to the police.

# Code of Conduct for employees and volunteers

The Board approved changes to the Code of Conduct for employees and volunteers to include appropriate references to child safety and a zero tolerance to violence.

### **Royal Commission into Family Violence**

The Board noted the summary of findings from the Royal Commission into Family Violence report by the Victorian Government, in particular how they relate to Aboriginal people and housing. The Board endorsed the intention of the AHV Chairman and CEO to continue dialogue with the Victorian Government on the implementation of the report's recommendations.

### **Gender Equality Strategy**

The Board noted the paper presented to the Victorian Government's consultation into the development of a Gender Equality Strategy.

### **Business Plan Report**

The Board received quarterly reports on organisational performance and progress against the business plan and took note of actions underway to improve performance.