

Aboriginal Housing Victoria: A Different Pathway for Indigenous Housing



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Introduction



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Victorian Government Commitment



- Improving outcomes for Indigenous people
- Involving Indigenous people in planning and service delivery

Context



- Principle of Reconciliation
- National Commitment to Improved Outcomes in the Delivery of Programs and Services for Aboriginal People and Torres Strait Islanders
- CSHA & Bilateral Agreement
- Building a Better Future: Indigenous Housing to 2010
- A Fairer Victoria (Vic Government's social justice plan)
- Victorian Government's Housing Sector Reform

History



- Born of a need to improve housing conditions for the Victorian Aboriginal community, Aboriginal Housing Board of Victoria's history has been a showcase for the implementation of effective policies, procedures and practices.

Self Determination



- It is also a history of the people who refused to accept less than adequate recognition and less than adequate housing conditions and who took up the fight to redress these issues.

The Commitment



- A Strategic Plan was developed in 2000 that set out a transition plan for the AHBV to take over responsibility for the ARHP in Victoria.
- A Memorandum of Understanding was signed in September 2004 (& updated in 2005) which agreed on a four staged transition process.
- *A Fairer Victoria* confirmed this commitment.

Transition to Independence



- Stage 1
 - Building Organisational Capacity
- Stage 2
 - Tenancy management
- Stage 3
 - Property Management
- Stage 4
 - Transfer of Ownership

Key Strategies for Capacity Building



- Skilled housing workers
- DHS staff support
- Reporting implemented on KPIs
- Funding provided for consultations on
 - Governance
 - Financial modelling
 - Business planning
- IT Infrastructure
- Service Agreement Funding

Governance



- Aboriginal Housing Victoria has changed it's Constitution and undergone a change of structure at the Board level.
- Aboriginal Housing Victoria employs Aboriginal Housing Officers state-wide.
- Aboriginal Housing Victoria has sourced a fully integrated IT Software business solution from the UK.

OoH Vision



- For the establishment of an autonomous, regulated, and growth orientated Indigenous controlled housing association.

AHV Vision



- Delivering a sustainable Aboriginal housing program that meets the cultural, inspirational and economic needs of the Aboriginal community.

A Tenant's Perspective



- Aunty Georgina Williams