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**Amendment to the Statutes Amendment (Affordable Housing Bill) 2006**

The Community Housing Council of SA has been advised by the Department for Families and Communities that the Government is proposing an amendment to the Bill, which was tabled in Parliament last November.

The amendment proposes that the South Australia Housing Trust (SAHT) have the ability, as a term of agreement with another party, to place a covenant on land or building owned by an affordable housing provider to provide for the management/use or other conditions specified in the agreement. It is intended that this amendment will provide the SAHT with a further tool to progress a range of housing initiatives under development.

The covenant may restrict the use of land or buildings, require that land only be occupied by a person who satisfies criteria specified by a funding agreement, require the disclosure of specified information, make provision for any tenancy or other agreement relating to the occupation of the land, provide for the management, preservation or development of land, provide that land may only be sold to a person who satisfied criteria specified in the agreement and otherwise regulate or restrict the sale of land, and make provision for other matters that are contemplated by, or necessary or expedient for the purposes of, the funding agreement.

These amendments are subject to the passage of the legislation through Parliament.

**National Housing Co-operatives Conference 2007 ~ Community Housing Federation of Victoria (CHFV) ~ Advance Notice**

The Community Housing Council of SA (CHCSA) is pleased to provide advance notice of the **National Housing Co-operatives Conference**.

**Community Housing Federation of Victoria (CHFV)** will be hosting this Conference scheduled for **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2007** at the State Netball & Hockey Centre in Royal Park, Melbourne.

This Conference will be marked as a time for *Reflection, Celebration & Vision* of the housing co-operative model in Australia.

The Conference will run from 9am till 5.20pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2007 and will conclude with the Conference Dinner.

**The Conference program includes;**

- A selection of short films celebrating co-op tenant stories
- International and national key-note guest speakers and presentations
- Nine concurrent dynamic workshop options
- Networking and discussion opportunities
- Conference dinner and entertainment
- Post Conference Event: *A half day bus tour of some of Melbourne's Community Housing*

The CHCSA will keep Members updated as further information on this Conference and its program comes to hand.

**Research Publications Currently Available ~ from InfoXchange**

**Publications and Research - How can the benefits of housing regeneration programs be sustained?**

Based on research by Keith Jacobs, Kathy Arthurson (AHURI Southern Research Centre) and Bill Randolph (AHURI UNSW-UWS Research Centre). This bulletin examines the implementation of social housing estate renewal scheme exit strategies in Australia. The project combined a national audit of existing regeneration practices with interviews and focus groups in five public housing estates – Bridgewater in Tasmania, Salisbury North and The Parks in South Australia, and Minto and Windale in New South Wales. How can the benefits of housing regeneration programs be sustained? <http://chirs.infoxchange.net.au/cms/items/2007/02/137771-upload-00001.pdf>

**Costs and benefits of housing as the 'home base' for older people**

This project seeks to determine the costs and benefits of using private housing as the home base for care for older people. There are whole-of-government costs when not using housing as the home base for care for older people. These include the cost of premature admission to residential aged care and the use of acute, sub-acute and primary care services due to preventable injuries within the home. The absence of housing, as in the instance of homelessness, also imposes its own cost for individuals and governments.

<http://www.ahuri.edu.au/publications/projects/p60313>

**Casual Board Vacancy - Comhouse Co-operative Limited**

A casual vacancy exists on the **Board of Comhouse Co-operative Limited**. If you or members of your Community Housing Organisation (CHO) feel that you have the appropriate skills to be a Board member, then please let us know!

Expressions of interest are invited from all Comhouse Member CHOs, who feel they have strategic skills and insights in the Community Housing Sector, that would be useful as the Board considers the challenges of a rapidly changing sector.

Expressions of interest will be accepted by post, e-mail or fax.

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## March 2007 CHCSA Associations' Forum and Invitation extended to Disability Focus Group Members to Attend

The CHCSA wishes to advise that the March Associations' Forum scheduled for Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2007 from 9.30am and will feature **two Guest Presenters**.

- **Ms Lyn Young, Director of Disability SA** will be attending the meeting to discuss Disability and Housing.
- **Helen Ottoway, (Senior Project Officer, DFC Connected Services Project, Special Needs Housing Unit)** will provide information about the new Assistance to Ageing Tenants program within DFC. (This program will help community housing tenants too).

The Associations' Forum has invited Members of the CHCSA Disability Focus Group to attend this meeting to hear the Guest Speakers.

For catering and seating purposes, it is essential that Members RSVP their intention to attend. Please contact the CHCSA on (08) 8362 1022 or via <mailto:info@chcsa.org.au>.

**Please Note: The CHCSA Disability Focus Group will still proceed with its specified March meeting scheduled for Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2007 from 10am to 12noon (at Royston Park).**

**Guest Speakers at the March 2007 Disability Focus Group meeting include;**

- Noelene Slaven (Office for Community Housing) - disability modifications
- Lynley Street (Office for Community Housing) - Review of the Disability Action Plan

With regard to Noelene, if people have any specific questions to do with property modifications for people with disabilities, it would be appreciated if you can forward them through to the CHCSA ASAP. This will enable Noelene to bring the information or answers to your questions with her to the meeting. Please forward your questions marked "**DFG**" to <mailto:info@chcsa.org.au>.

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## DIARY DATES

Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	CHCSA Associations' Forum
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	CHCSA Hills and Southern Forum
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	CHCSA Disability Focus Group
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	CHCSA Co-op Rep. Council Meeting
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	CHCSA Policy Committee
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	CHCSA Spanish Speaking Forum
MONDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	CHCSA Northern Forum
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	CHCSA Central Forum

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