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Accommodation and Personal Support ~ Proposed Legislation

Community Housing Organisations (CHOs) may be aware that the Department for Families and Communities (DFC) is currently preparing new legislation to regulate providers of shared accommodation for people with disabilities.

The CHCSA held a workshop for CHOs recently on this topic and it has also been discussed at the CHCSA Disability Focus Group and the CHCSA Associations' Forum.

Some CHOs have made their own submissions to the Department on this matter.

Based on feedback from CHOs, the Community Housing Council of SA has made a submission to the Department as well.

A copy of the CHCSA submission can be viewed or downloaded via our <http://www.chcsa.org.au>

Clean Energy Public Forum ~ Conservation Council of South Australia

"Now is a key time to influence decision makers because Australia's first climate change laws have been drafted in this state and will be tabled in Parliament later this year (or early next). We are trying to shape the legislation so it delivers the right outcomes, such as a strong growing renewables industry."

Let's make SA clean and green!

The Public Forum will be held on Thursday 21 September 2006, 7-9pm

Ground Floor Napier Building (immediately behind Bonython Hall)
University of Adelaide, North Tce, Adelaide

Free entry. Please RSVP to <mailto:sarah.neal@au.greenpeach.org> or via phone on (08) 08-8223 5155. The better the turn-out, the more powerfully it will demonstrate to the powers that be that there is strong community support for South Australia to be a world leader in clean renewable energy - not just uranium mining!

Speakers at the Public Forum will include:

Sven Teske, Renewable Energy Campaigner, Greenpeace International

Peter Reid, Operations Manager, Petratherm Ltd

Susan Jeanes, CEO, Renewable Energy Generators Association

Chaired by Hendrik Gout, The Independent Weekly

CHCSA Participation Workshop in the South ~ by Nick Watts

"Hi Nick Watts here. This is just a friendly reminder that there will be a participation workshop right after the CHCSA Hills & Southern Forum on Monday the 11th September 2006. The previous participation workshop held on Tuesday this week was very useful and the information gathered will be incorporated into the "**participation manual**" that I am developing. Please take advantage of this opportunity and have your input. All CHO tenants and members are welcome to attend.

Feedback gathered in regards to the make-up of the "participation manual" will be distributed via all the CHCSA Regional Forums via future E-Bulletins. Thanks for your input, it is much appreciated. Nick Watts".

CHCSA 2006 Country & Remote CHO's Forum, AGM and Member's Celebration Dinner

The CHCSA wish to advise members that our **2006 AGM** will be held on **Friday 27th October 2006 at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre.**

The day will start in the "Rubikon Room" with the **Country and Remote CHO's Forum** from 10am - 3.00pm (registrations from 9.30am). This will be followed by the AGM from 4.15pm - 5.30pm.

The day will conclude with our **Celebration Dinner** for Members and invited Guests from 6pm until late. The dinner will include a 3-course meal, refreshments, entertainment and give-aways. The **Hon Ian Hunter MLC (representing Minister Weatherill)** will be a Guest Speaker at the Dinner.

A formal Invitation has been forwarded to all of our Members this week. Over the next two weeks, the associated papers, which include proposed Constitutional changes, agendas etc., will be sent out to Members. RSVP's are due by COB **Friday 20th October 2006**. Attendance at the Member's Dinner is limited per CHO, so please book early.

It is important that Members note the following;

- Community Housing Organisations **MUST** be current financial members of the Community Housing Council of SA Inc (CHCSA) to be eligible to nominate and vote at the AGM and to attend the Member's Dinner
- Representative/s **MUST** attend the AGM in order to be eligible to attend the Member's Dinner
- Attendance at the Member's Dinner is limited per CHO that meet the above 2 points.

If you have any questions or would like to confirm the current financial status of your Organisation, please contact Maria at the CHCSA on (08) 8362 1022.

Community Housing Appeals Panel (CHAP) ~ Information Session for CHOs ~ repeated item

The CHCSA will be holding a Community Housing Appeals Panel Information Session for CHOs on **Friday the 20th October 2006.**

The Information Session will be held at the **Adelaide Riviera Function Centre** (31-34 North Terrace, Adelaide). Registrations will be from 1.30pm with a **2.00pm** sharp start. The Session is expected to conclude at 4pm.

Attending the Information Session will be:

- Kath McEvoy, Chairperson of the Community Housing Appeal Panel
- Theresa Walker, Manager, Public & Community Housing Appeal Unit
- Sue Gosden, Hearings Administrator – Community Housing, Public & Community Housing Appeal Unit

The Panel have been invited to address CHOs on the following topics:

- The constitution of the Appeals Panel
- Scope of appeals especially in regard to tenancy issues
- What to expect when an appeal is lodged
- Representation before the Panel
- Effective record keeping by CHOs
- What happens after a hearing
- Other relevant matters.

The Information Session will also provide the Panel with the opportunity to meet CHOs and learn more about their work. The CHCSA will invite one experienced CHO to give a short address outlining a community housing perspective on external appeals.

There will be opportunities for questions and general discussion. Whether or not you have faced an appeal, it is **vital** that your CHO understands the external appeals process. To this end, the CHCSA encourages the attendance of at least 1 representative from each CHO.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. Please contact Anthony at the CHCSA on (08) 8362 1022 or via <mailto:info@chcsa.org.au> to book your place. The CHCSA does wish to stress that this Information Session is held for the benefit of Community Housing Organisations in South Australia, therefore attendance to this Session is limited to CHOs.

<p><u>STAFF</u> Executive Officer - Ciarán Synnott Manager, Admin/Finance/Communications - Maria Demasi Administration Officer - Ante Gajic Senior Policy Officers - Matt Fisher & David Kilner Sector Resource Worker - Philip Studt Spanish Speaking Worker - Domingo Garcia</p>	<p><u>CASUAL TRAINERS AND VOLUNTEERS</u> Casual Trainers – Liz McCarthy, Graeme Gow, Philip Studt, Kate Reynolds Volunteers – Evette Johnson, Renfrey Ansell and Anton Studt</p>
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DIARY DATES

Saturday 9 th September	CHCSA Spanish Speaking Forum
Monday 11 th September	CHCSA Hills and Southern Forum
Tuesday 12 th September	CHCSA Northern Forum
Wednesday 13 th September	CHCSA Central Forum
Wednesday 27 th September	CHCSA Co-op Rep. Forum
FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER	CHCSA COUNTRY FORUM, AGM AND MEMBER'S CELEBRATION DINNER

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