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MEDIA RELEASE

Australian Government housing survey - Community Housing best on the block

PowerHousing Australia, the national peak body representing 30 of Australia's largest Community Housing Providers (CHPs), today are encouraged by the findings of the Australian Government survey showing that Community Housing outcomes in health, wellbeing, satisfaction and employment are the best on the block.

The National Social Housing Survey as released today by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare show Community Housing to provide the highest indicator findings in Community housing tenant satisfaction, employment outcomes and dwelling utilisation over the long term.

PowerHousing Australia's Chief Executive Officer, Nicholas Proud said "today's Australian Government AIHW survey continues to confirm what we already know - precisely that investment in Community Housing provides the best health and welfare outcomes for social housing tenants.

"Consistent with previous reports, the survey shows community housing tenants (80%) were more satisfied than public housing (73%) tenants with the services received from their housing providers.

"Community Housing tenants are shown here to have higher employment and participation which provides welfare savings to the government budget and maximises outcomes for the wellbeing of social housing tenants which serves to develop better communities.

"With one in three households noted to include at least one member with a disability, the survey also presents an opportunity for community housing to play an increasing role in supporting best livable outcomes for National Disability Insurance Scheme housing.

"We know that public housing numbers have decreased by 24,000 dwellings since 2007, yet community housing in Australia has over the same period grown from 33,000 to over 80,000 dwellings with growth based on private and sector investment as well as Government property transfer, a policy encouraged by the Federal Government.

The recent Federal Budget's bond aggregator for affordable housing finance, the establishment of a National Housing Finance Investment Corporation, affordable housing MIT and a restructured National Affordable Housing Agreement with Community Housing at the heart of investment only promises to deliver further improved social tenant results in future AIHW survey updates.

PowerHousing Members which make up to 80% of Community Housing dwellings in some states, have grown since 2007 into credible scale managers, operators and developers of new and existing social housing dwellings achieving the highest level of social outcomes as evidenced clearly by this new report.

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