

PUBLIC SECTOR LEADERSHIP AWARD

Recognises outstanding leadership by government organisations, agencies, or public sector teams that have demonstrated a commitment to increasing the supply, quality, and long-term sustainability of social and affordable housing through effective collaboration with Community Housing Providers. Excellence in government and local government leadership that has enabled the delivery of social and affordable housing through effective partnership with community housing providers (CHPs). Acknowledging the critical role of councils, departments, and delivery agencies in unlocking housing supply and improving outcomes through planning reform, land contributions, streamlined approvals, inclusionary zoning, procurement innovation, program design, and other enabling mechanisms that support affordability and long-term housing outcomes.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Nominations are open to:

- Eligible nominees include local, state, and federal government bodies, planning teams, land authorities, and housing delivery bodies.
- Projects and initiatives must be at practical completion after July 31, 2025, and close of nominations

Nominations must address each of the following criteria:

- Leadership that has enabled or accelerated the delivery of social and affordable housing outcomes
- Effective collaboration and partnership with Community Housing Providers
- Actions that have removed barriers, unlocked opportunities, or improved housing delivery processes
- A commitment to long-term housing outcomes and community benefit
- Evidence of measurable impact, innovation, or system-wide improvement that could inform broader sector practice

Evidence may include:

- Land contributions, transfers, or innovative use of public land for housing outcomes
- Planning reforms, policy changes, or streamlined approval pathways
- Inclusionary zoning initiatives or affordable housing incentives
- Procurement, funding, or financing approaches that support housing delivery
- Rate relief, infrastructure support, or other mechanisms that improve project feasibility
- Strategic partnerships with Community Housing Providers
- Proactive housing strategies, programs, or place-based initiatives that increase social and affordable housing supply
- Government-led initiatives that improve long-term stewardship, tenant outcomes, or sector capability

INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP AWARD

Recognises outstanding commercial and professional partners who have worked in partnership with Community Housing Providers (CHPs) to enable the delivery of social and affordable housing. It celebrates those who have played a critical role in unlocking challenging projects, preserving long-term affordability, ensuring fair and balanced risk-sharing, and improving the quality and outcomes of housing delivered.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Nominations are open to:

- Industry organisations and project delivery partners of an ACH member Community Housing Provider.
- Eligible nominees include developers, builders, institutional investors, superannuation funds, financiers, consultants, architects, planners, and other project delivery and advisory partners.

Nominations must address each of the following criteria:

A genuine and effective partnership with a Community Housing Provider that has delivered tangible housing outcomes

- A significant contribution to unlocking, improving, accelerating, or sustaining social and affordable housing delivery
- A collaborative approach characterised by shared objectives, fair risk-sharing, and a commitment to long-term outcomes
- Innovation, expertise, or investment that enhanced project quality, affordability, liveability, or operational performance
- Outcomes that have the potential to be replicated, adapted, or scaled across the sector

Evidence may include:

- Partnerships with developers, builders, institutional investors, superannuation funds, financiers, architects, planners, consultants, or other industry organisations
- Innovative financing, investment, procurement, or delivery models
- Contributions that improved project feasibility, affordability, quality, or delivery timeframes
- Approaches that shared risk fairly and supported long-term housing outcomes
- Projects that enhanced resident experience, community outcomes, or housing quality
- Collaborative models that can be replicated across future social and affordable housing developments