

Victorian Housing Register

Management Update #10

Introduction

In the last management update on 21 March we provided an update on the release of key documents to facilitate the opting in of community housing organisations (CHOs) to the VHR (Stage 2).

On 26 March we held a members meeting to explain this documentation and to receive your initial views. At this meeting we recommended that all CHOs should provide feedback directly to DHHS and CHIA Vic will prepare a consolidated submission. A copy of the powerpoint used at that meeting is attached and available on our website.

What has happened since our last update and members meeting?

DHHS has extended the consultation period to **30 April** to give CHOs time to review the whole suite of documents and for CHIA Vic to receive legal advice and share it with members.

We are expecting the legal advice on the Participation Agreement on 20 April and we might need to prepare some commentary on it so members can expect to receive it with a couple of days of its arrival.

Updated documents – With the release of the opt-in package we have updated some of our resource documents including:

- VHR information sheet for Boards
- VHR due diligence checklist
- Template Allocation policy (which also incorporates the template Eligibility policy)

Other resources

The [CHIA Vic website](#) contains a range of other resources to assist CHOs to get ready for the due diligence process on whether to opt-in to the VHR. This includes:

Privacy and Information Sharing Legal Advice and Factsheet

Following recent changes to the Housing Act 1983 the VHR will be available to organisations in Victoria to access and to fill vacancies. There are a range of privacy obligations your organisation will

need to consider in order merge applicant databases with the VHR and participate in its ongoing operation.

CHIA Vic has commissioned Moores to prepare legal advice on privacy and information sharing and a fact sheet to assist members to get involved in the VHR in accordance with relevant privacy laws. Please contact us if you wish to receive a copy.

Template policies

CHIA Vic has also prepared template policies that reflect the VHR's operating environment for members to use as guide:

- Allocation of long-term housing
- Rent setting/ rental subsidy
- Privacy and information sharing
- Complaints and appeals