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Program released for the National Housing Conference 2017 – Australia’s largest affordable housing event

More than 1000 delegates and 150 speakers to participate in 35 sessions over 3 days

With the new National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation the central plank of the Federal Government’s plans to boost affordable housing supply, the world’s foremost international voice on affordable housing finance, Piers Williamson, will headline the National Housing Conference program in Sydney later this year.

Mr Williamson, who runs the Housing and Investment Corporation in the UK, leads an impressive line-up of international and Australian speakers in the official conference program released today.

Dr Ian Winter, Executive Director of AHURI, said ‘We’ve designed the National Housing Conference 2017 program to be broad in scope supporting Australia’s contemporary ‘full spectrum’ housing policy debate; from homelessness, through social and affordable housing and on into the housing market, land supply, land use planning and city deals.’

The Conference will also examine the important role of housing in the domestic and family violence policy response, as both the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children and Victoria’s Royal Commission into Family and Domestic Violence have stimulated important policy reflection and reform across Australia.

Also visiting Australia as a Conference keynote speaker, is Evan Siddall from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, who played a leading role developing the Canadian National Housing Strategy. Given the similarities between Australia and Canada, Mr Siddall will offer unique insights about the experience planning, negotiating and implementing a national housing strategy in a federated context.

Other major sessions in the National Housing Conference 2017 program include supplying social and affordable housing in global cities; state housing policy under a new national agreement; building Australia’s affordable housing industry; homelessness system reform; social outcomes from social housing; Indigenous housing outcomes; and the relationship between affordable housing and cities policy.

‘The Conference and its sessions, like the contemporary policy discussion which surround us, are broad-ranging yet nuanced, sophisticated and evidence-informed,’ says Dr Winter. ‘There is a lot in it, as delegates will find out when they read the program, with sessions covering the major policy issues being debated by our politicians, right through to leading examples of programs that are helping vulnerable Australians with their housing needs’.

Convened by AHURI, in partnership with the NSW Department of Family and Community Services, the National Housing Conference runs from 29 November to 1 December 2017 at the International Convention Centre in Sydney.

The conference program is available for download at www.nhc.edu.au/program.

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