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Newsletter 20 August, 2015

This is a special edition of the newsletter to let you know about the next stage in the state housing stock transfer process and requests for proposals that you may be interested in.

Stock transfers: market sounding process commences

Treasury has been asked to proceed to the next step in the transfer process, market sounding, for approximately 1140 Tauranga and 370 Invercargill state houses. Market sounding will commence on August 31st and conclude on September 25th. More information on this is available [here](#).

If you wish to be considered for selection as part of a small representative sample of participants to be invited for face to face meetings you will need to be registered on GETS and subscribed to this notice by 1 September 2015. If you are interested in participating in both transactions, you will need to subscribe to each notice separately. You can subscribe to the Tauranga notice [here](#) and the Invercargill notice [here](#).

Property Condition Assessments RFP from the Transactions Unit

Our Place: All New Zealanders well-housed



A Request for Proposals was posted on GETS seeking respondents qualified to assess the condition of the state housing properties proposed to be transferred in Invercargill and Tauranga. The Transactions Unit is procuring these as part of the due diligence process for the potential transactions. The completed assessments are to “be provided to, and relied upon by, The Treasury, HNZC, and any potential bidder prior to a transaction”. Sourcing these centrally and sharing the information to potential bidders will ensure equal information is available to all participants. It will also decrease the disruption to existing tenants and lower the costs of participation faced by community housing organisations. [Follow this link to the RFP.](#)

Housing for older people in the Auckland area

Auckland Council Property Limited (ACPL) has recently released an Expression of Interest (EOI) regarding housing for older people in the Auckland area. The EOI invites organisations with a role in housing provision to advise of their interest in and ability to be involved in delivering housing for older people across the Auckland region. [For further information go here.](#)

Do you have a story for us?

Are you a community housing provider funded under the IRRS scheme? We'd love to hear from you and your tenants about what difference this funding has made for the lives of your tenants, their housing and the level of service you can provide as a New Zealand community housing provider with this funding. [Please email here and we can ring and talk to you.](#)

Feedback on the ACHP Network letter regarding Australian CHO's pitching their interest in New Zealand's housing

We've had some great feedback from you on the letter. Thanks so much for taking the time to respond. A summary of the feedback can be [read here.](#)

CHA Impact conference 2015 don't miss out

10 days to go before early registration closes. Make savings by registering now! Register [here](#)

In the news

17 August - A second Australian housing provider eyes up kiwi housing

Another Australian community housing provider has indicated their interest in New Zealand's state housing. [Read here.](#)

17 August - Housing New Zealand's maintenance programme

Upgrades have been completed at 2,869 Housing New Zealand properties since June. [Read here.](#)

17 August- uncertain messages about state housing sell-off

Finance Minister Bill English says it will be months before the government knows who is serious about taking over state houses. [Read here.](#)

17 August - Radio New Zealand interview on Australian housing providers

Phillipa Tolley looks at community housing providers such as Horizon in Australia and explores the potential for them to provide housing in New Zealand. [Go here.](#)

Events

31 August: Is housing a human right?

An Auckland public dialogue with the following speakers: Paul Barber, Dr Claire Dale, Rau Hoskins and Professor Paul Morris. St Matthew in the City (cnr Hobson and Wellesley sts, Auckland): 7pm. Sponsored by CPAG and Auckland Interfaith Council.

7-9 October: Universal design conference, Melbourne, Australia.

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