

Nomination Form

2016/2017 Community Housing Aotearoa (CHA) National Council



I, Dr Bernadette Pinnell am standing for the CHA National Council.

Member Organisation: Compass Housing New Zealand

Nominated by: Allan Pollard, Trust House Ltd

Seconded by: Nick Alexander, Navigator Limited

I confirm that I am an employee/trustee/director (circle one) of Compass Housing New Zealand which is a Full Member of Community Housing Aotearoa for the fiscal year of 1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017.

Please provide a photo and a short background on yourself

1. Outline of involvement in community housing sector

Growing up in Council housing in Northern Ireland, I experienced first-hand the importance of secure, affordable housing. Since then I have worked in housing in Australia and NZ. I have completed housing studies for local and state government as well as developers for green field and brown field sites.

I have conducted empirical research for government and non-government agencies in homelessness, social housing renewal and regeneration including a PhD study that investigated "who benefits from social housing regeneration projects?". This study was funded by the Australian Housing Urban Research Institute and NSW Department of Housing. I have a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning which investigated the use of developer contributions in funding social infrastructure in greenfield developments.

In 2002 I developed a Social Sustainability policy for Landcom in NSW establishing thresholds for inclusionary zoning and compulsory affordable housing targets in new residential developments in NSW. I set up Compass Housing NZ in 2005.

2. Short biography (*Maximum of three short paragraphs*)

I have a background in housing and regeneration with experience from:

- UK: in Compulsory Competitive Tendering of Council services including housing,
- Papua New Guinea: where I completed social impact assessment studies for the World Bank on major infrastructure projects. This included resettlement of displaced people affected by major infrastructure projects.
- Wellington: Urban Regeneration projects. Lambton Harbour Management

- Australia:- PPP Housing Projects including Bonnyrigg and Riverwood social housing developments and SW Sydney Growth Centre, planning housing for 80,000 people.
- Christchurch – CERA Affordable Housing Project at Awatea

3. Key Skills *(List up to six areas of expertise you offer which are relevant to a national governance role)*

Strong academic background combined with practical experience.

- A strategic thinker and doer.
- Project Management skills
- Risk Management
- Project Finance

4. Other governance positions held *(include year held)*

- International High School – Lae, Papua New Guinea 1991-1993
- 'Urbis' – Sydney 2015
- Urban Development Institute Australia (UDIA) 2013-2015
- Ku-ring Gai Council – Sydney 2012-2015
- Director 'Mainland Netball' – Canterbury 2015-2016

5. Election statement to members *(no more than two sentences)*

I will use my knowledge, skills and experience to contribute to the existing strength of the Community Housing Sector. I balance commercial acumen with a strong moral compass and I am committed to achieving better life trajectories for social housing tenants by advocating on their behalf.