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Community Housing Aotearoa welcomes new housing entity

Community Housing Aotearoa says it is relieved and delighted that the government is fuelling the tank of the housing reforms which are much needed to address New Zealand's housing needs.

CHA Director, Scott Figenshow, says today's announcement that the government is looking to establish a new entity to work with social and affordable housing organisations will provide a much needed boost to the reforms.

He says today's announcement is the piece that the sector thought was missing in the budget announcements.

"It's still early days as we won't know what the actual recommendations are until the work is completed over the next few months.

"But it shows the government is listening to our views on how the sector can be supported if we are to meet the target of supplying 20% of social and affordable housing by 2020," he says.

"Community Housing Aotearoa has built a strong policy presence that can help through the establishment stage of this work.

Scott Figenshow says CHA is already working on an investment plan for the sector. It looks forward to working with the new unit in setting the stage for the proper structures to meet the agreed social housing goals.

"We have a sector with the ability to deliver high quality housing and services to meet community need. The sector is ready, willing and able to put this into action. We need a plan to confirm the structures that work for both small and large providers to work with private sector partners, in the various markets across the country."

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