

## **Summary of feedback on the ACHPN letter on Australian CHO interest in New Zealand state housing August 2015**

- Acknowledgement and understanding of obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi and what such a move would mean to housing for tangata whenua especially when considering the housing needs of Australia's indigenous population.
- Understanding the community where the housing is provided is important. Community housing providers are local organisations who are able to respond to the needs of their community and provide the services their local community want.
- One of the benefits of New Zealand provided housing is the ability to leverage the goodwill and added value of local community knowledge. How can an international organisation that does not have a New Zealand base do this?
- New Zealand already has its own community housing sector with the expertise to manage this housing. Considerable work is, and has, been done to develop the capacity of the sector.
- Australia's community housing sector has grown and developed as a result of Australian Government support through the transfer of state housing stock to these providers. We need a similar arrangement here.
- What would it mean if a CHO had an international investor, how would this differ from the owner being an Australian CHO in this situation?
- The condition of the housing is an important consideration.
- A loss of 'sovereignty' on properties paid for by New Zealanders.
- Community housing providers value the skills and training they are able to receive from international community housing providers but do not want to be "colonised" by overseas providers who do not have the same connection to "our tenants".
- Organisations should only be able to register as a New Zealand CHO if they have a track record in New Zealand and be New Zealand based.
- Our goal as community housing providers is to see tenants thriving not just a replacement for Housing New Zealand.
- A poorly planned government shift in policy is now potentially being propped up by overseas markets.
- Any public statements from the sector should offer appropriate solutions.