



CHIA and REIA back legislating the National Housing and Homelessness Plan

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The Community Housing Industry Association and Real Estate Institute of Australia are calling on the Federal Parliament to support Senator David Pocock and Kylea Tink's Housing and Homelessness Plan Bill.

The bill would enshrine in legislation the requirement for the Federal Government to produce a national housing and homelessness plan.

The peak bodies said the legislation is needed to ensure a national housing and homelessness plan remains in place over multiple election cycles.

"Fixing Australia's housing crisis absolutely requires a concerted, strategic and nationally led approach," said CHIA CEO Wendy Hayhurst.

"Transforming the housing market will take many years and the institutions that support this need to survive beyond the current electoral cycle. We must ensure that national leadership remains in place for years to come."

REIA interim CEO Maria Edwards said national coordination is an essential step towards fixing the housing crisis.

"Currently, the fragmentation of responsibilities across multiple government portfolios is causing inefficiency and delay.

"This bill presents the chance to centralise efforts under one well-resourced entity to ensure a coordinated, streamlined approach to addressing both the immediate housing crisis and longer-term needs."

Wendy Hayhurst and Maria Edwards provided evidence regarding the bill to the Senate Economics Legislation committee on Tuesday.

CHIA's submission is available [here](#)

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