



# NATIONAL BULLETIN

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### **CHC Affordable Housing signs off on deal with ACT Government**

The ACT Government and Community Housing Canberra (CHC) have exchanged contracts in a deal that will see 500 new rental dwellings constructed over the next 10 years. CHC is also planning to construct 500 properties for sale to low-moderate income earners. The deal will involve a \$50m rolling loan from the ACT Government, and the transfer of title of 132 properties currently managed by CHC. Additionally, legislation has been passed exempting CHC from payment of conveyance duty and land tax.

CHC has worked with the Chief Minister's Department and the ACT Treasury to negotiate this deal. More information about CHC can be found at [www.communityhousingcanberra.com.au](http://www.communityhousingcanberra.com.au).

### **Extra! Extra! CHFA newsfeed**

You wouldn't read about it, would you? Actually, you would. We have recently introduced a newsfeed to our website. This service is updated daily from media all across the country. A rolling feed, embedded in the CHFA homepage, contains links to articles and press releases about all things housing related, with specific priority given to community housing. Our website is [www.chfa.com.au](http://www.chfa.com.au).

### **New organisational structure at FaHCSIA**

The Department of Families, **Housing**, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) has a new organisational structure. A flow chart depicting the new organisational structure and hierarchy can be viewed online at: [www.facs.gov.au/orgchart/org\\_chart\\_jan08.htm](http://www.facs.gov.au/orgchart/org_chart_jan08.htm).

### **Increasing social capital in communities**

The Benevolent Society has released a report that investigates

the ways in which not-for-profit organisations can play a role in increasing social capital. The report, *Creating better communities: A study of social capital creation in four communities*, looks at what makes communities caring and inclusive, and how organisations can work with government and business to create better communities. The report can be downloaded at [www.bensoc.org.au/uploads/documents/creating-better-communities-nov2007.pdf](http://www.bensoc.org.au/uploads/documents/creating-better-communities-nov2007.pdf).

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### **Next NB delayed**

Due to the timing of the upcoming National Housing Conference, the next NB will be produced a few days later than usual. All things going to plan, it should be published on 26 February 2008.

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### **Contributions**

If you have news or resources that you think would be interesting or helpful to others in your State/Territory or colleagues interstate, contact CHFA and we can