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Housing Choices Australia MD Michael Lennon to Step Down in 2023

After a total of 12 years as Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Housing Choices Australia (Housing Choices), Michael Lennon has advised the Board that he will step down from his position on January 31, 2023.

Michael's decision is driven by his belief that Housing Choices should benefit from renewed leadership at the most optimal time in its development and that time is now: "Working with a skilled executive team and staff and a committed board has made the task of helping build Housing Choices a privilege," Mr Lennon said.

"Housing Choices' strength, depth and capacity, reflected in \$1.2bn worth of assets, more than 300 staff and 7500 dwellings across five States that are home to 8500 Australians, positions the organisation to continue its mission to increase supply of safe, affordable community housing for people in need," he said.

"With a mature community housing sector in place, and a Federal Government exploring long-term housing supply and sector reform, there is a real chance to create a fairer housing market in Australia; one that both supports our most vulnerable people but also offers an achievable housing future for young people."

On behalf of the Board Housing Choices Chair, Heather McCallum, thanked Michael for his remarkable executive leadership, "Michael's vision and contribution to Housing Choices has been exceptional, as has his contribution to the broader Australian community housing sector," Ms McCallum said.

"Under his leadership, Housing Choices is now one of the largest and leading not-for-profit community housing providers in Australia with a reputation for quality, integrity and innovation.

"We are a strong, enduring, values-driven organisation with exceptional financial, human and organisational capabilities. Housing Choices is in excellent shape to continue its important work delivering safe and affordable homes for Australians in need."

The Board is in the process of appointing an executive search firm and will oversee the recruitment process for the CEO role, focused on the leadership, governance and management skills required to take Housing Choices on to the next stage of its evolution.

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