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HIA welcomes new WA Housing Strategy

HIA has welcomed the launch of the WA Housing Strategy 2020-2030, describing it as a bold plan to ensure a diverse range of housing options for West Australians.

HIA WA Executive Director Cath Hart said the strategy, which was jointly launched by HIA and UDIA today, set out a long-term vision to tackle the housing challenges across the housing continuum.

“We’re pleased to help launch the WA Government’s latest ten-year Housing Strategy for WA with Housing Minister Peter Tinley today,” Ms Hart said.

“Now more than ever, it is vitally important that government, industry and the community sector bring together initiatives to maximise policy impact and provide a unified approach to housing policy.

“Recent HIA research shows that while 92 per cent of renters aspire to own their own homes, only 49 per cent feel they will actually achieve this goal - this strategy aims to help alleviate some of the concerns for every West Australian who has had doubts about their ability to own a home.

“The strategy will also stimulate more jobs within our industry, further strengthening the WA economy.”

The primary goal of the strategy is to connect 150,000 WA households to a home by 2030 to provide more choice, ease concerns about home ownership, and address more efficient ways to manage current WA housing stock.

Ms Hart praised the Department of Communities for the extensive consultation process it had undertaken in the development of the WA Housing Strategy 2020-2030, which involved more than 600 individuals and 200 organisations across the state, including stakeholders from the private and community sectors, government and people with lived experience.

“The policy also focuses on building homes that will meet people’s needs over the short and the long-term, with an emphasis on growing the number of transit-orientated homes by 45 per cent,” Ms Hart said.

“We know that for many West Australians their dream of building and owning a home can be affected by limited affordable and suitable properties.

“Accessible housing is another key focus area, with a target to provide a minimum of 20,000 low-deposit home loans through Keystart to enable greater access to home ownership by 2030.”

Ms Hart said industry had been pleased to work with Government on the development of the plan.

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