

South Australian Aboriginal Housing Strategy *2021-2031*



**Government of
South Australia**

'Our Aboriginal Housing Journey'
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Acknowledgments

SA Housing Authority acknowledges Aboriginal peoples as the First Peoples and Nations of the lands and waters we live and work upon and we pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge and respect the deep spiritual connection and the relationship that Aboriginal peoples have to Country.

We acknowledge the far reaching, intergenerational impact of colonisation and dispossession which explicitly excluded Aboriginal peoples in South Australia and resulted in entrenched, systemic and structural racism and disadvantage.

Despite the past and present impacts of colonisation, Aboriginal peoples, families and communities remain strong and resilient and we recognise that the housing system must address structural and intergenerational disadvantage for Aboriginal peoples.

We also acknowledge the role of a home to Aboriginal peoples, is not simply shelter. It is a place that facilitates ongoing connection to Country and culture, maintenance of important kinship relationships and a personal sense of belonging and wellbeing.

We wish to thank and acknowledge the following contributors to the *South Australian Aboriginal Housing Strategy 2021-2031*:

- the Aboriginal Advisory Committee to the South Australian Housing Trust Board for their guidance, advice and contributions.
- Authority staff including our Aboriginal employees who are subject matter experts in the housing sector and a critical interface within communities where we operate
- the members of the Aboriginal communities of South Australia who generously shared their time, knowledge, lived experience and solutions to the challenges currently faced in the Aboriginal Housing sector.

Please note that in this document, the term Aboriginal, refers to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This term is used as the First Nations peoples of South Australia are Aboriginal peoples and this term is preferred by Aboriginal peoples in South Australia. We acknowledge and respect that it is preferable to identify Aboriginal peoples, where possible, by their specific language group or nation.

Message from the Premier

The South Australian Government is committed to building a better future for all Aboriginal peoples living in South Australia.

The strong connection Aboriginal peoples have to their home and lands is a fundamental pillar of Aboriginal communities and their individual wellbeing. Sustainable and affordable housing is integral to this.

However, we recognise that appropriate housing is currently out of reach for a growing number of Aboriginal people in South Australia, and systemic change is vital to help them reach their housing aspirations.

This Strategy has been shaped by the voices of Aboriginal communities and individuals through extensive engagement. They told us that the range of existing services do not meet the current needs of Aboriginal communities and are not culturally responsive and flexible.

This Government is now hitting the reset button on the Aboriginal housing system.

Backed by more than \$83 million of investment from Commonwealth and State funding over the first five years, the *South Australian Aboriginal Housing Strategy 2021-2031* will modernise the Aboriginal housing system and deliver real change for Aboriginal peoples in South Australia.

This Strategy aligns with this Government's commitment to implementing the new Closing the Gap Agreement. It has been co-designed by Aboriginal people and organisations across the state, and we are committed to continuing to work alongside Aboriginal people and empower Aboriginal communities.

Our Strategy will deliver substantial reform and benefits for Aboriginal people in South Australia by providing opportunities for home ownership and economic participation, access to culturally responsive and appropriate services, and by supporting implementation of self-determination and self-governance that will strengthen the capability of Aboriginal corporations and organisations.

Thank you to everyone across the state who has contributed to this new Strategy, which will pave the way towards a bright housing future for all Aboriginal people living in South Australia.

Steven Marshall MP
Premier of South Australia



Message from the Minister of Human Services

Our vision is for all Aboriginal peoples living in South Australia to have equitable access to safe, secure and affordable homes.

The State Government's *South Australian Aboriginal Housing Strategy 2021-2031* will deliver on this vision with a focus on creating better housing pathways for Aboriginal people to ensure they can reach their housing aspirations. Shared decision-making, culturally informed services and increased opportunities to maintain Aboriginal peoples' personal and cultural wellbeing will be at the centre.

In developing this Strategy, we asked Aboriginal people across the state what the barriers are and what they need to better access appropriate housing. We have used this input to guide the co-design of our Strategy, and will continue to work in genuine partnership with Aboriginal communities throughout the life of the Strategy.

This Strategy uses a series of guiding principles to get the best housing outcomes. These guiding principles include self-determination for Aboriginal people and communities; a place-based approach to decision-making and planning; community participation and partnerships; co-design of agreements or plans; and inclusive and transparent information sharing and communication.

The new Strategy outlines six strategic pillars and goals, which will drive change in: housing sector reform; sector-wide service reform; economic opportunities and capacity building; reforming the crisis and homelessness sector; increasing the supply of safe housing; and creating more pathways to home ownership.

Under these six pillars are 17 key actions that will deliver real change for the Aboriginal housing system and real outcomes for Aboriginal peoples.

Together with our partners in industry, the housing sector and across government, we embark on this journey to deliver an exciting new housing future for Aboriginal people in South Australia.

Michelle Lensink MLC
Minister for Human Services

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"This strategy has planted a seed of hope in our community. It's important government works closely with Anangu and provides communities a voice about housing, to keep watering that seed"

– Mr. Fraser, Elder APY Lands

What is the South Australian Aboriginal Housing Strategy?

Vision: *That Aboriginal peoples in South Australia have equitable access to safe, secure and affordable homes achieved through shared decision-making and culturally informed services that maintain Aboriginal peoples' personal and cultural wellbeing.*

All Aboriginal peoples in South Australia have a fundamental right to access culturally safe, secure and affordable housing.

The State Government, in consultation with Aboriginal peoples in South Australia, is committed to ensuring:

- Aboriginal people have a greater voice about the way they want the housing sector to operate within their communities
- Aboriginal people are equal beneficiaries of the economic opportunities the housing sector provides
- Aboriginal people can equitably access safe, secure and affordable housing.

Our approach within the *South Australian Aboriginal Housing Strategy 2021-2031 (the Strategy)* aligns with and supports broader commitments and aspirations of the Government, including shared decision-making and genuine partnerships, more opportunities for Aboriginal jobs and businesses, and improving the quality and delivery of services to Aboriginal peoples in South Australia.

More information about the commitments and aspirations of the Government, both State and Federal, can be found at:

South Australian Government Aboriginal Affairs Action Plan 2021-2022

National Agreement on Closing the Gap (NACTG) includes a commitment for Aboriginal peoples to secure appropriate, affordable housing that is aligned with their priorities and need.

There are more than 30 Aboriginal Nations in South Australia, each with a diverse, unique and rich culture. For many Aboriginal people, connection to Country and upholding cultural

responsibilities influence where and how someone chooses to live. It is vitally important that Aboriginal peoples can access and secure housing that not only allows for connection to Country and culture to be maintained, but also enables it to thrive.

It is widely understood that housing is also a key factor in the health and life expectancy gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians. It provides a stable place from which to access health services, access and maintain employment, attend school and generally increase social inclusion.

However, securing safe and affordable housing is out of reach for many Aboriginal peoples in South Australia. Aboriginal peoples are overrepresented in the homelessness sector and underrepresented in home ownership. Whilst 50 per cent of participants engaged throughout the consultation said they would like to own their own home, many were unable to do so due to several barriers. This included not enough income to save for a deposit, higher unemployment and less intergenerational wealth transfer due to the disparity of wages and legal standing between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples prior to the mid 1970s. This adversely contributes to a range of other social indicators.

In addition, the concept of personal financial wealth is often in conflict with Aboriginal cultural values and beliefs, where care and obligation for family across extended and complex kinship relationships; takes precedent to 'savings' and may preclude an Aboriginal person or family from accumulating individual wealth.

The Strategy is a way forward to ensure greater self determination in housing, where Aboriginal communities can set their priorities, co-design housing services and be supported to strengthen housing management frameworks. The Strategy is about more than just housing – it requires government, Aboriginal communities and the broader housing sector to work in partnership to create culturally safe, secure and affordable housing outcomes, economic development opportunities and to strengthen local decision-making frameworks to enable Aboriginal peoples in South Australia to thrive.

The Strategy reflects the 10 year vision to work in genuine partnership with Aboriginal communities to build a strong Aboriginal community housing sector providing self-determined, culturally informed and responsive housing.

Getting it right

To support the success of the Strategy, it must reflect the interests, voices and ideas shared by Aboriginal peoples and communities. To do this, the Strategy was tested before release with leaders and key representatives from Aboriginal communities across South Australia. Aboriginal communities engaged through the statewide consultation include those in:

APY Lands	Berri and Gerard
Port Augusta and Davenport	Northern Flinders and Nepabunna/Nipapanha
Point Pearce	South-East
Coober Pedy, Umoona and Dunjba	Ceduna, Yalata and Koonibba
Raukkan	Adelaide

The Strategy was also tested with the Aboriginal Advisory Committee (AAC) to the South Australian Housing Trust (SAHT) Board who were actively engaged throughout the development of the Strategy.

Our Housing Future 2020 – 2030

In December 2019, 'Our Housing Future 2020-2030' (Our Housing Future) was published detailing the long-term vision and plan to reform the state's housing system to better respond to current and future housing needs. Our Housing Future is a 10 year plan for all people living in South Australia, including Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples, however it specifically calls out the need for a separate strategy for Aboriginal peoples:

Action 3.8 Addressing the particular disadvantages faced by Aboriginal peoples in South Australia through the delivery of a *South Australian Aboriginal Housing Strategy*.

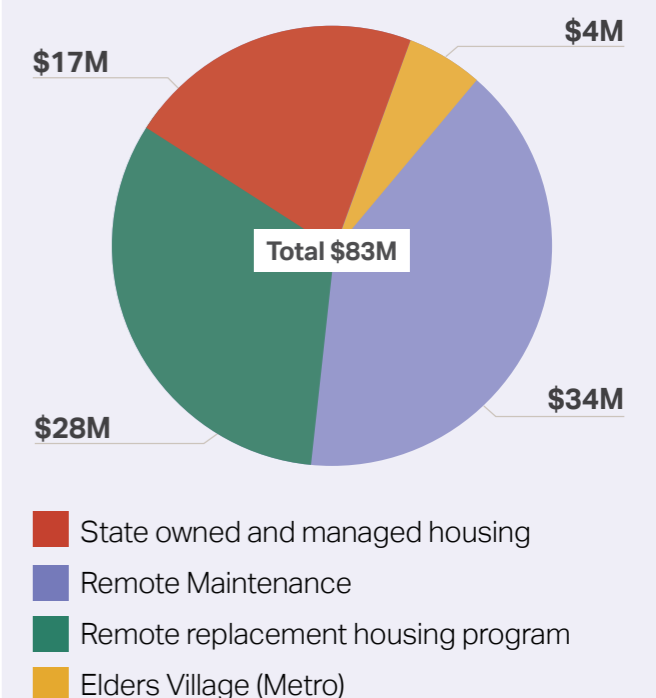
Our Housing Future 2020-2030 also commits to:

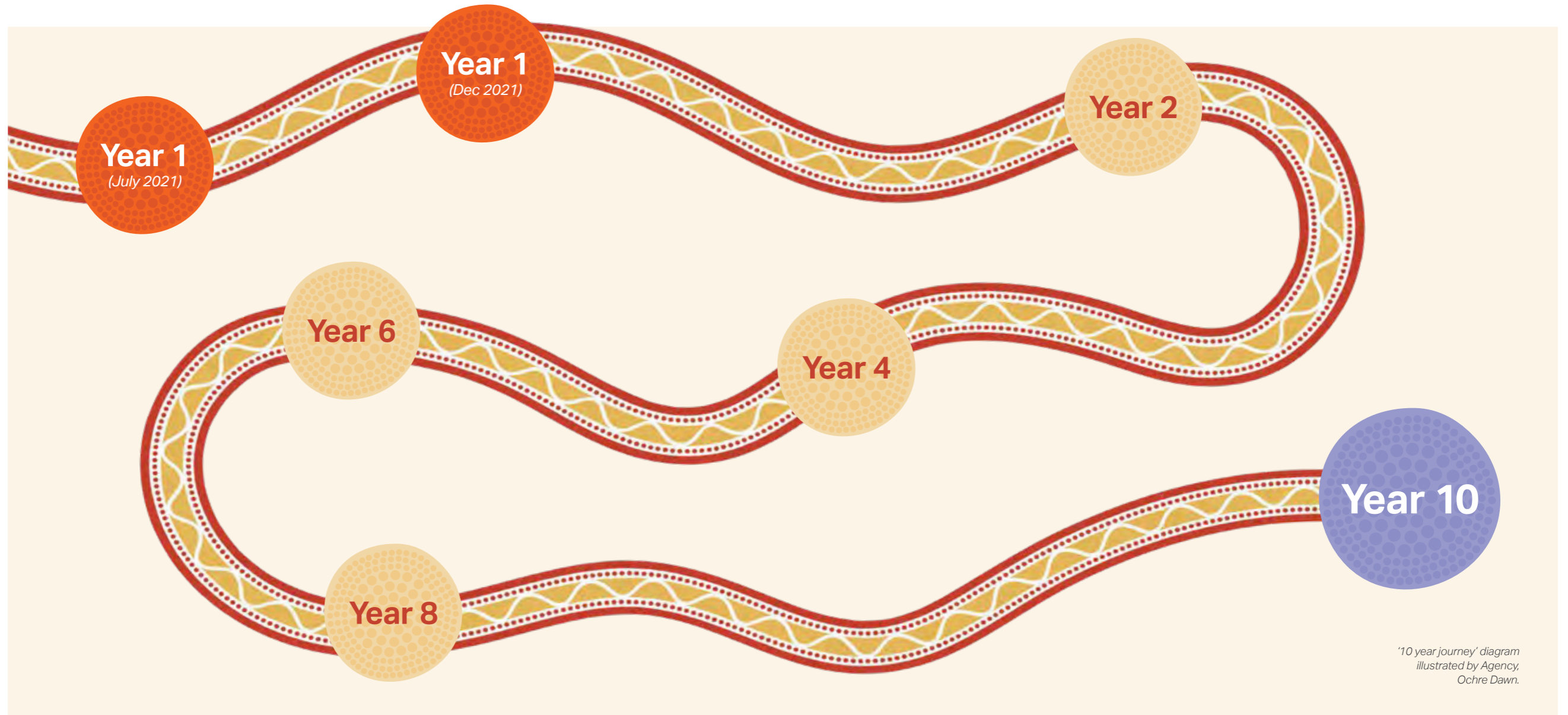
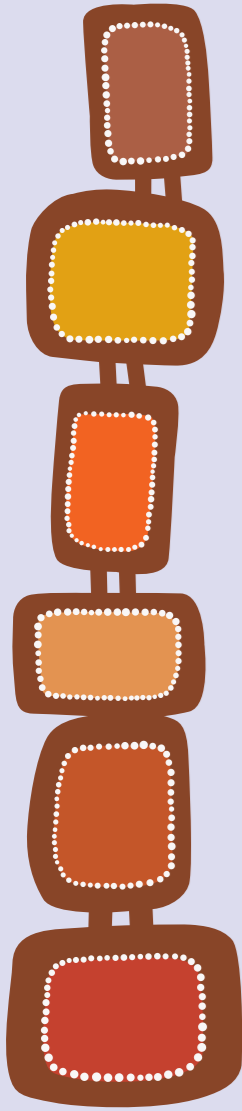
- invest more than \$452 million into new social and affordable housing supply
- spend \$75 million to start addressing the public housing capital maintenance backlog
- provide \$20 million to the Prevention Fund to support innovative housing trials where there are clear gaps in the system, with the aim of generating further investment through partnerships
- provide an additional \$5 million over five years for an additional 100 HomeStart Finance Starter Loans per annum to 2026.

The Strategy will leverage commitments outlined in *Our Housing Future* to ensure that housing needs, interests and aspirations of Aboriginal peoples in South Australia are met. The SA Housing Authority was committed to invest \$83 million through the Strategy which includes:

Strategy Investment \$83 million

NB. This investment will occur during the first five years of the Strategy.





'10 year journey' diagram
illustrated by Agency,
Ochre Dawn.

South Australian Aboriginal Housing Strategy 10 year journey

Year 1 (July 2021)

- Commence implementation of the *South Australian Aboriginal Housing Strategy 2021-2031* (the Strategy)
- Aboriginal Governance for the Strategy implementation is established and Terms of Reference for a new Aboriginal Advisory Committee (AAC) to the South Australian Housing Trust (SAHT) Board model to be published publicly
- Commence the co-design process for Local Decision Making Frameworks (LDMF) and service reforms
- A newly appointed AAC commences.

Year 1 (Dec 2021)

- Develop the business case for a Transitional Accommodation Centre expansion and related service reforms in Adelaide and Port Augusta
- Embed Housing and Homelessness goals and targets across all relevant State Government agencies
- The First Nations Affordable Housing Action Plan launched
- Three communities identified via an opt-in expression of interest approach to trial the LDMF and partnership agreements executed

- Resourcing in regions is aligned to support LDMF and service reform with prioritisation on servicing vulnerable Aboriginal peoples
- Develop and implement a culturally informed housing complaints process for Aboriginal peoples
- Ensure the HomeSeeker SA program continues to meet the needs of Aboriginal communities
- Develop a pool of buyer advocates, in consultation with Indigenous Business Australia (IBA), HomeStart and Aboriginal consumers, to increase home ownership.

Year 2

- Support the establishment of a peak advocacy body aligned to Aboriginal governance structures in South Australia, to support capacity and growth of the Aboriginal Community Controlled Housing sector (ACCHS). Support National Agreement on Closing the Gap aspirations and inform the national agenda
- All maintenance, construction, Homelessness Alliance and Community Housing Provider (CHP) contracts will have Aboriginal participation targets
- Establish partnership framework with Office for Homelessness to implement service delivery agreements that ensure ACCHS participation and interests of Aboriginal communities are represented across all tiers of governance and service provision

- The Aboriginal Employment and Procurement Action Plan is launched
- A new Homeowner support program is launched in partnership with IBA, HomeStart and the private sector
- The review of crisis support services is completed and implementation of the findings begins across government to inform sector reform. Prioritisation of housing supply for vulnerable Aboriginal peoples experiencing domestic family violence and homelessness
- Implementation of various home ownership models, developed in consultation with Aboriginal communities and relevant stakeholders
- Create an expression of interest process for Aboriginal peoples in South Australia who wish to enter the home ownership market to ensure strategies are targeted

- Bedford Park facility for Aboriginal Elders is established
- Cross-agency case management and supports to vulnerable Aboriginal peoples are formalised and implemented.

Year 4

- Investment in ACCHS in capability building and support
- All maintenance and construction contracts have Aboriginal Business Enterprise (ABE) and Aboriginal workforce participation
- The Tika Tirka Student Accommodation review is completed
- Phase 1 of the Service Reform Framework is fully implemented and agencies to report on metrics annually, including how a culturally informed and responsive housing sector has delivered against priority reforms.

Year 6

- \$34 million invested in remote maintenance over the last five years
- \$28 million remote replacement housing program complete
- \$17 million investment into new social and affordable housing for Aboriginal peoples in metropolitan and regional areas
- 50% of LDMF and partnership agreements are executed
- Phase 2 of the Service Reform Framework is fully implemented.

Year 8

- An independent Aboriginal Community Controlled Housing Organisation (ACCHO) operating with financial independence, under a bespoke community controlled service model
- Phase 3 of the Service Reform Framework is fully implemented

- An independent review of the efficacy of Aboriginal home ownership pathways and recommendations report aligned to target of 10% increase in home ownership in 10 years
- 75% of LDMF and partnership agreements are executed.

Year 10

- Public housing capital maintenance undertaken in metropolitan regional areas
- South Australia has a viable ACCHS
- 88% of Aboriginal peoples living in appropriately sized housing
- 10% increase in Aboriginal home ownership
- 100% of LDMF are rolled out across South Australian Aboriginal communities.

Strategy snapshot

Pillar 1 Housing Sector Reform: putting Aboriginal voices at the centre

- 1.1 Establish Partnership Agreements and Local Decision Making Frameworks with Aboriginal communities.
- 1.2 Ensure Aboriginal voices are heard across all levels of decision-making in the social housing system through providing platforms for Aboriginal leadership and governance in housing.
- 1.3 Build partnerships between the mainstream housing sector and the Aboriginal community-controlled sector to inform and deliver local and customised service models.

Pillar 2 Service Reform: changing the way government does business

- 2.1 Embed housing and homelessness goals and targets across mainstream government policies.
- 2.2 Ensure the mainstream housing system is culturally safe and responsive through the development and implementation of a Housing Cultural Framework specifically for South Australia.
- 2.3 Embed an Aboriginal-related focus within existing tenancy advocacy services.

Pillar 3 Economic Participation: more jobs for Aboriginal peoples and businesses

- 3.1 Create economic development opportunities for Aboriginal communities to equitably participate in the housing sector economy.
- 3.2 Partner with other government agencies to build the capability of Aboriginal businesses and communities to procure from government.

Enabling Pillars – creating the conditions for change.

Pillar 4 Homelessness and crisis services: making more safe places to stay when and where you need them

- 4.1 Ensure the SA Homelessness Alliance decision-making is culturally informed.
- 4.2 Implement culturally informed and person-centred homelessness services.
- 4.3 Ensure exit pathways into stable and safe housing through service reform to reduce Aboriginal peoples' over-representation across the homelessness system due to exiting institutions and care into homelessness.
- 4.4 Complete a supply and demand assessment of crisis and transitional accommodation housing options.

Pillar 5 Housing Supply: better access to housing

- 5.1 Increase the supply of homes for Aboriginal peoples and communities.
- 5.2 Increase the access to homes for Aboriginal peoples and communities.
- 5.3 Invest in innovative housing solutions that meet the different needs of Aboriginal peoples.

Pillar 6 Home Ownership: pathways for buying a house that are accessible and ethical

- 6.1 Create and innovate Aboriginal home ownership models that drive accessibility to the broader market.
- 6.2 Partner with private financial institutions, Indigenous Business Australia and HomeStart to identify products that promote and facilitate access to home ownership as a viable and achievable aspiration for Aboriginal peoples in South Australia.

The housing continuum – from crisis accommodation to home ownership.

What we heard

What did Aboriginal peoples and communities in South Australia have to say about their housing needs and aspirations?

The Strategy was created in consultation with Aboriginal people and communities and is based upon the interest, knowledge, lived experience and solutions generously shared by them. It applies current data, research and best practice to the solutions generated through engagement, with leadership and direction provided by the AAC to the SAHT Board.

Engagement snapshot

An Aboriginal-led state-wide engagement was undertaken between July 2020 to April 2021

More than 70 Aboriginal Councils and Corporations

2 online engagement platforms

20 service providers including Community Housing Providers

3 co-design workshops, with representatives from Aboriginal communities and leaders, community housing organisations, peak bodies, financial organisations, and the Authority. These workshops enabled the co-design of solutions and ideas about the themes and interests raised throughout the state-wide engagement and were used to inform recommendations for the Strategy.

Local and State Government

Aboriginal Advisory Committee to the South Australian Housing Trust Board

"We need to move from a system that is a rotating door, that moves people from one service to the next, asking people to continually retell their story, retraumatise them and remind them of their challenges. My hope is this strategy will flip that and ask services to get more organised, more skilled, more culturally informed for our communities to have better outcomes"

– Jacinta McKenzie, Healthy Dreaming

Key findings

Strong decision-making

Community members and participants consistently called for self-determination and self-governance to improve housing and life outcomes for Aboriginal peoples of South Australia. There was a strong community voice about own decision-making and the benefits it can bring to housing outcomes, as well as better government services and relationships, community health care, land management and other social service outcomes.

Lack of culturally responsive and appropriate services

The current range of services provided are from large, state-wide providers or the private sector that do not meet needs of community, are not culturally responsive and not flexible. This means community members are met with policy and procedural based answers that can leave a person in need more vulnerable and isolated, without the services or care they may need.

Self-determination and local decision-making frameworks are critical levers for success

There was a strong community voice for Aboriginal housing services to be Aboriginal community controlled. This would mean that local community members have a voice and can be heard to ensure local housing options reflect what is wanted and needed by communities and members. More consultation is needed so that the changing and growing needs of community can be heard and services can be flexible to meet their needs.

Demand for significant increases in home ownership

Participants responded strongly about wanting to own their own home. That there were not enough houses they could afford and that there were not houses in the areas where they wanted to buy were common issues. Community members said they would feel more comfortable getting help through the loan process from other Aboriginal people who could help them understand the process and what was being said. With this level of support, they would feel safe and comfortable about buying their own home for their families to live in.

Increase opportunities for economic participation

Employment and contracting opportunities for local Aboriginal people in their own communities was a strong theme heard during community consultation. Community money could then stay in the community, helping build a stronger and safer community for everyone to live and work in.

Improved service coordination and case management to reduce homelessness, including for Aboriginal people exiting institutions

The removal of services from remote communities to larger regional centres or to city centres has meant that community members need to move away from their homes to get these services and often without anywhere to stay. Similarly, community members leaving custody, health or child-protection find that the system is not flexible or safe and does not meet the needs of Aboriginal communities. The system is not flexible enough to work for what is best for the person or the community.

Access to emergency housing support

The current system does not meet community needs. There are not services or places to stay for Aboriginal people that are safe, flexible or that can be used when moving between communities. Better and more flexible services are needed in the right places at the right time so that Aboriginal peoples can use them as they need to, when they need to.

Strengthen tenant engagement and advocacy

There are not flexible or culturally safe services to help with private landlords or through the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal hearings process. Many people reported feeling alone and threatened through these processes. There is a need for more Aboriginal voices and support across the whole housing sector.

“By making our own decisions and having our own people deliver housing services, we can be responsible for our own futures and we can take ownership for growing our own communities”

– Eddie Newchurch, Chairperson Point Pearce Community Council and ALT Board Member

What does this mean?

The current housing and homelessness sector in South Australia is not responding to the rights, unique interests, needs or aspirations of Aboriginal peoples and communities. Many Aboriginal peoples living in South Australia cannot access safe, secure and affordable housing. Services are not culturally informed or responsive and there are few opportunities for Aboriginal peoples to participate in the housing sector economy through employment or business development.

Aboriginal communities and leaders throughout South Australia have expressed their commitment to work with the government and other key organisations to share knowledge and make decisions about housing and to co-design and deliver the required placed-based, culturally informed wrap-around services.

Aboriginal leaders, government and the housing sector have acknowledged a partnership approach is needed to address these barriers.

Aboriginal people and communities understand their own needs and can develop the right solutions.

Although good work is being done, there is more to do to ensure that Aboriginal peoples in South Australia can secure a place to call home.

There is a significant need for government agencies to better understand and engage with Aboriginal communities and their leadership networks, and conversely for Aboriginal communities, groups and organisations to better understand and engage with government.

For local decision-making frameworks to be successful, government agencies must recognise the different leadership structures and networks within individual Aboriginal communities, especially in relation to how leaders acquire, exercise, transfer and sustain their authority. This requires government agencies to adopt a sustained commitment to working with and respecting Aboriginal community arrangements, relationships, shared connections and representative structures.

The Government of South Australia is committed to building a better future for all South Australians. It is fundamental that this Strategy delivers real change for Aboriginal peoples in South Australia.

Keeping us on track

To make sure the Strategy is delivering what it should, culturally informed monitoring and evaluation frameworks, based on continuous improvement methodology, will be developed to test the outcomes of the Strategy. In addition, public reports will be published annually and with regular reporting to the Department of the Premier and Cabinet and Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Unit about the progress of the Strategy. Every two years the State Government will commission an independent and Aboriginal-led review of the outcomes of the Strategy to ensure that Aboriginal communities across South Australia are engaged to inform the review and recommendations. Outcomes will be reported publicly.

The AAC to the SAHT Board provides an Aboriginal voice in keeping the Strategy and key stakeholders accountable and honest throughout implementation of the Strategy. Government, through SA Housing Authority, will continue to meet with the AAC monthly to ensure members are updated regularly and to give members the opportunity to provide feedback.

“The participation of Aboriginal peoples in South Australia’s housing sector economy is essential in being able to create positive opportunities and social empowerment for the First Peoples of this land. It is an opportunity for fair and equitable partnerships, agreements and outcomes for all South Australians.”

– Shona Reid, Chairperson Aboriginal Advisory Committee and South Australian Housing Trust Board Member



Vision and principles






Vision: *That Aboriginal peoples in South Australia have equitable access to safe, secure and affordable homes achieved through shared decision-making and culturally informed services that maintain Aboriginal peoples' personal and cultural wellbeing.*

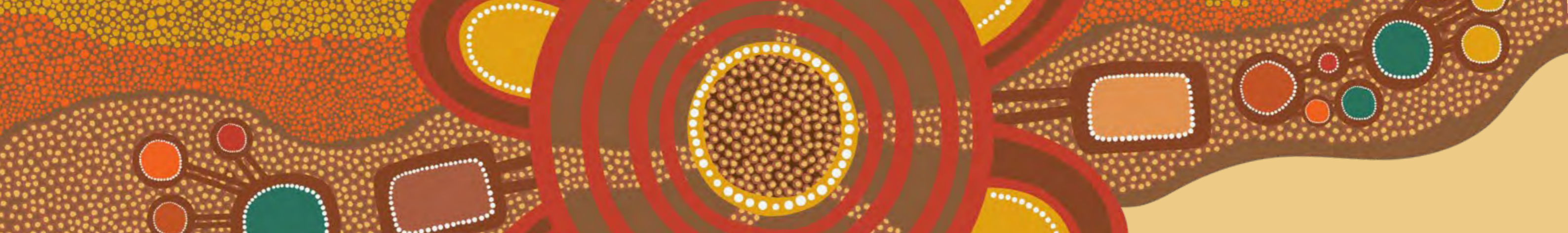
A strategic framework, was created to guide the development of the Strategy. In addition to incorporating the voices of Aboriginal peoples in South Australia, the framework has also considered the National Agreement on Closing the Gap (NACTG), as this is a formal agreement between the State of South Australia and Aboriginal peoples in South Australia.

The Strategy is built on and supported by the following principles:

 <p>Self-determination</p> <p>Aboriginal peoples and communities understand their own needs and have the ability to develop their own solutions.</p>	 <p>Place-based</p> <p>Aboriginal communities in South Australia are diverse and there is no 'one size fits all' solution. A place-based approach to decision-making and planning is required for success.</p>	 <p>Participation</p> <p>Government and the community will work in partnership to ensure the community has the necessary capacity, structures and information to participate effectively at the levels they choose.</p>
 <p>Co-design</p> <p>Government and Aboriginal communities as housing service providers and clients will enjoy culturally safe and flexible spaces to design agreements and plans that work for each community.</p>	 <p>Inclusivity and Transparency</p> <p>Government will communicate and share information so community members are informed and can participate to the degree they wish. Participation may involve the use of interpreters or translated materials. Aboriginal communities will ensure that governance structures are able to fully represent the opinions and values of all community members.</p>	

Strategic framework

Vision	
Guiding principles	
 <p>Self-determination</p>	 <p>Place-based</p>
 <p>Participation</p>	 <p>Co-design</p>
 <p>Inclusivity and Transparency</p>	
<p>Partnered approach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aboriginal communities to partner with government and service providers to improve housing outcomes for Aboriginal people. Establish governance structures and frameworks, including roles and responsibilities, across broad housing delivery areas impacting Aboriginal peoples. Facilitate delivery of reliable data across agencies to support an evidence-based framework that informs service design and delivery.
<p>Priorities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Affordable housing and home ownership Culturally responsive services Transitional housing Enabling functionality
<p>Service strategies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partner with industry and the housing sector for affordable supply of culturally informed housing in the private sector. Inform and support people to access home ownership pathways. Invest in long-term affordable and sustainable housing options that meet the needs of Aboriginal communities across South Australia. Influence service design by applying a cultural lens to housing policy, programs and business. Build knowledge and capability across the social housing provider workforce to improve service delivery access for Aboriginal peoples. Provide supported pathways through culturally responsive transitional housing options. Examine and strengthen traditional housing models for South Australia, informed by best practice models. Undertake programmed audits and reviews to ensure the effectiveness and sustainability of existing and new transitional housing programs. Economic development opportunities for Aboriginal communities to equitably participate in the housing sector economy.
<p>Sector reform strategies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement Local Decision Making policy and framework Prioritise the growth of the Aboriginal Community Controlled Housing sector



Current landscape

For many Aboriginal people, connection to Country and upholding cultural responsibilities influences where and how they choose to live.

Under former government policies that were exclusively applied to Aboriginal peoples, many Aboriginal families were forcibly relocated to missions, stations or reserves. Many Aboriginal families continue to live on or close to these areas that have significant meaning to them, whilst also maintaining their connection to their traditional lands. As such, Aboriginal families are generally more mobile than other families, particularly in regional and remote areas.

A key contributing factor to these mobility patterns include movement between communities and traditional lands for the ongoing maintenance of important cultural and relationship obligations. However, the centralisation of government services has also become a significant driver of mobilisation for Aboriginal families living in remote areas.

In South Australia, Aboriginal households represent 5,083 (12 per cent) of the state's 43,641 social housing households. Whilst the South Australian Government does have state owned and managed indigenous housing dwellings that are exclusively for Aboriginal tenants, most Aboriginal households in social housing are renting general public housing stock.

Different housing types generally need to be considered when understanding the housing needs of Aboriginal people to accommodate complex kinship relationships, factor in cultural obligations and allow for mobility. It is critical that Local Decision Making Frameworks, based on

the principles of voice and self-determination, are embedded into the way government operates, to ensure communities are involved in service delivery and advising government what works best in their communities.

In addition to the current levels of inequality, the Aboriginal population of South Australia is projected to grow by 22.2 per cent to 57,306 people over the decade to 2031. This is compared to just 8.1 per cent growth in the total population of the state. This growth will increase overcrowding and demand for services, including transitional accommodation and crisis care. It will also place greater strain on housing supply.

Aboriginal households in South Australia are:



as likely to own their home



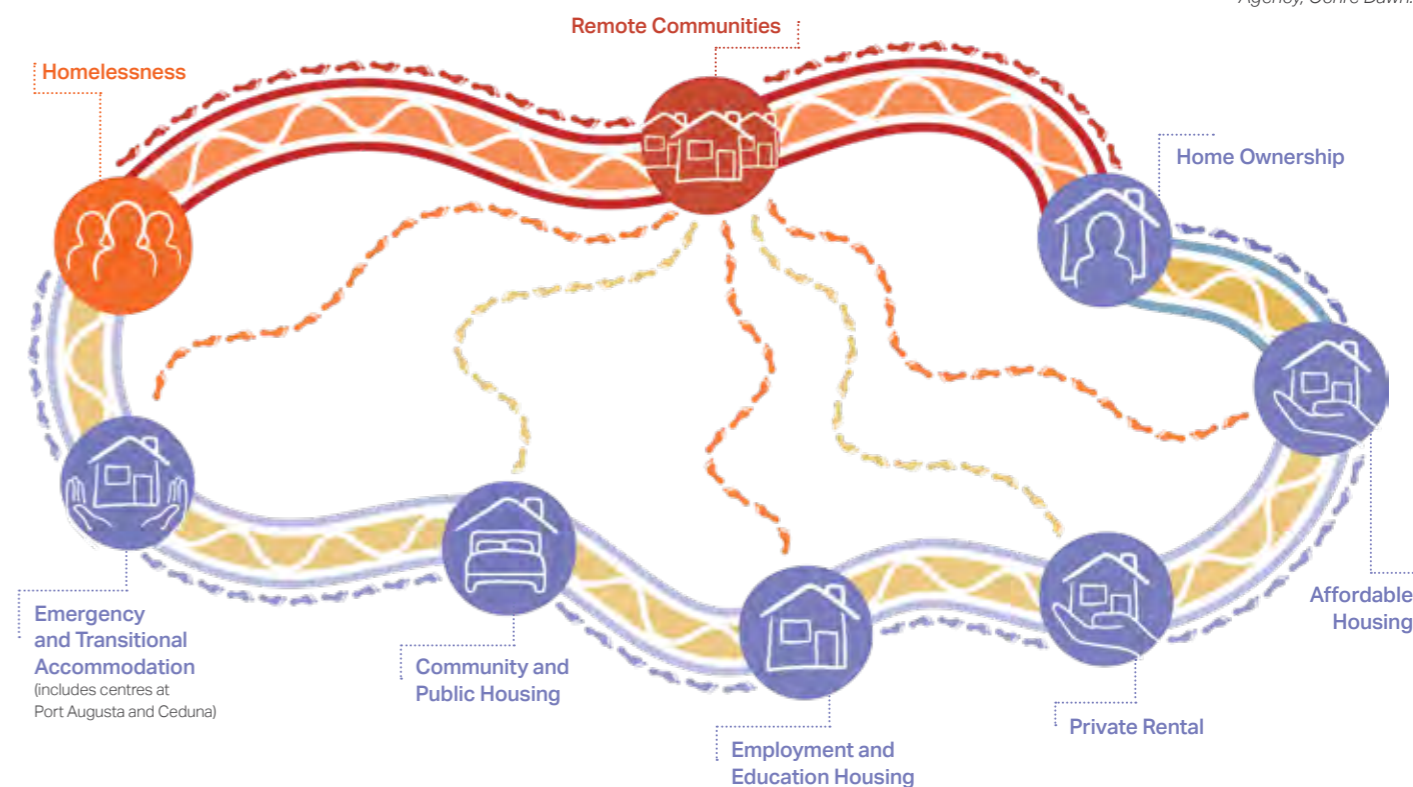
as likely to be residing in social housing



as likely to be homeless

Remote Community Housing

'SA Population Mobility'
Diagram illustrated by
Agency, Ochre Dawn.



Metropolitan and Regional Housing

Mobility and remote visitation

Aboriginal peoples travel from remote communities to regional and metropolitan locations for a range of reasons. These include to access services that have become centralised, visit family and friends, for cultural obligations and to attend sporting and entertainment events. Visitors are not homeless and it is important that the social housing system response does not conflate these types of mobility.

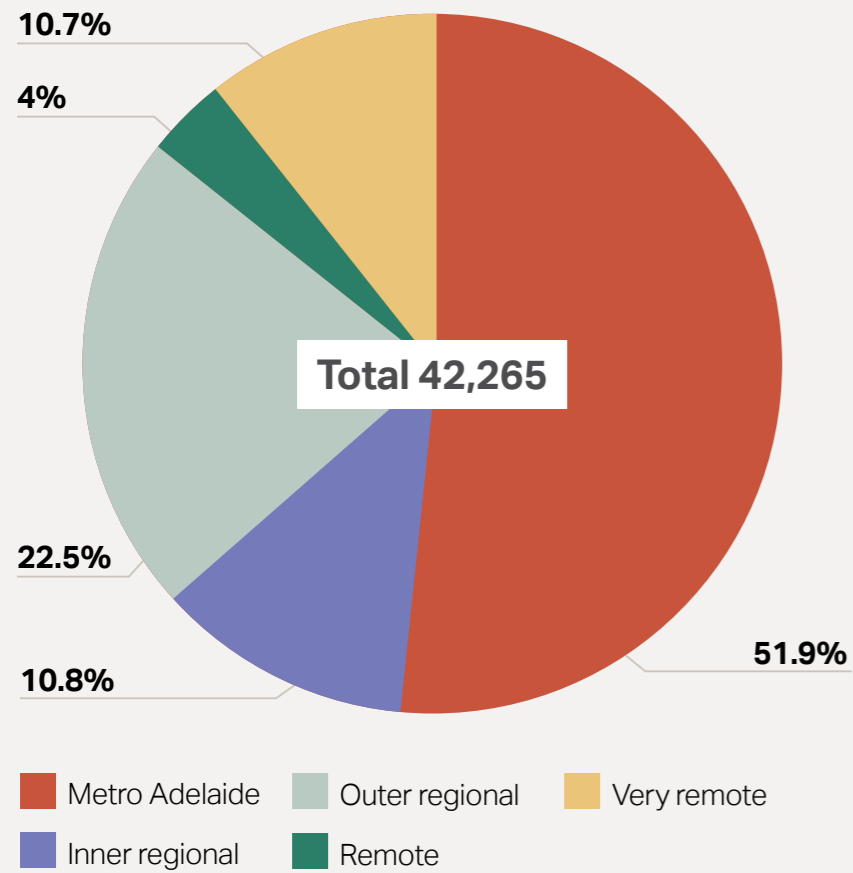
The Strategy applies to the following geographical areas, housing tenures and housing types.

Greater metropolitan Adelaide – homelessness services, remote visitors and mobility, transitional accommodation services, social housing, private rental and home ownership

Regional centres – homelessness services, remote visitors and mobility, transitional accommodation services, social housing, housing in discrete Aboriginal communities where the Authority provides property and tenancy management services, private rental and home ownership

Remote communities – social housing, housing in discrete Aboriginal communities where the Authority provides property and tenancy management services.

South Australia - Aboriginal population (Census data 2016)



South Australia Aboriginal households by tenure	2016	10 year change
Own home outright	10.2%	↑ 0.8%
Own home with mortgage	25.2%	↑ 0.7%
Private rental	30.3%	↑ 9.7%
Social housing	26.5%	↓ 8.8%
Other / not stated	7.8%	↓ 2.4%

The three largest Aboriginal population centres outside of the metropolitan area are Port Augusta with 3,241 Aboriginal residents, the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands with 2,225 residents and Whyalla with 1,345.

Fundamental to the success of this Strategy is the need to incorporate a placed-based shared decision-making approach to ensure local context is applied in the implementation, with consideration given to community, governance and culture.



of South Australia's Aboriginal population lives in the metropolitan Adelaide area

and of those 52%



reside in the northern suburbs



reside in the southern suburbs

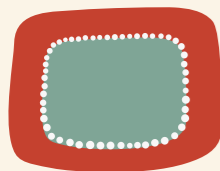


reside in the western suburbs

Key Strategies

The Strategy sets out six strategic pillars and goals and the actions that will contribute to achieving them.





Strategy Pillar 1: Housing Sector Reform: putting Aboriginal voices at the centre.






Aboriginal communities' partner with government and service providers to improve housing outcomes for Aboriginal people and build a strong and culturally responsive housing sector for Aboriginal peoples in South Australia.

Guiding principles: Self-determination, Participation, Place-based, Co-design

Priority: Enabling Functionality, Culturally Responsive Services

What did we hear?

The importance of:

-  Aboriginal community engagement and ongoing consultation
-  participation in decision-making and co-design of housing services
-  establishing governance structures and frameworks, including roles and responsibilities, across broad housing delivery areas impacting Aboriginal peoples
-  greater accountability in providing culturally informed and responsive services
-  a better understanding of rights and responsibilities when interacting with services.



Who benefits? Metropolitan / Regional / Remote Aboriginal Communities

What does this mean for community?

Aboriginal communities can choose to get more involved in service delivery and have a say in what works best in their communities. Government also commits to ensuring service delivery is more responsive, culturally informed and meets the needs of communities.

Actions




1.1 Establish Partnership Agreements and Local Decision Making Frameworks (LDMF) with Aboriginal communities.

-  Through formally enacting agreements between communities and government that outline a shared approach to decision-making, including ongoing consultation, monitoring, evaluation and accessible complaint management processes.
-  Developing and implementing LDMFs co-designed with communities on an opt-in basis, that have appropriate representative structures to give them authority to represent community voice.

Led by: SA Housing Authority

Timeframe: Short-term

1.2 Ensure Aboriginal voices are heard across all levels of decision-making in the social housing system through providing platforms for Aboriginal leadership and governance in housing.

-  Support the establishment of a First Nations Peak Advocacy body to represent housing.
-  Support continued Aboriginal representation on the South Australian Housing Trust (SAHT) Board.
-  The Aboriginal Advisory Committee (AAC) to the SAHT Board continues to provide advice in support of the Strategy's implementation and alignment to the LDMF.

Led by: SA Housing Authority

Timeframe: Medium-term

1.3 Build partnerships between the mainstream housing sector and the Aboriginal community-controlled sector to inform and deliver localised and customised service models.

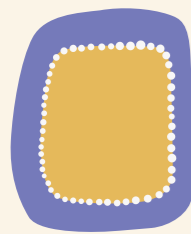
-  Through the co-design of specialist support services and sector development activity that supports Aboriginal peoples' unique rights and circumstances, and that strengthens the role of Community Housing Providers to build the capacity of Aboriginal community organisations to provide housing services.
-  Review the capacity of South Australia to establish an Aboriginal Community Controlled Housing sector, benchmarked against best practice community-controlled models. This includes consultation with the Supporting the Growth in Community Controlled Organisations Working Group of the Senior Management Council's Aboriginal Affairs Executive Committee.

Led by: SA Housing Authority and Community Housing Providers

Timeframe: Short-medium term

These actions will be undertaken in consultation with the Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Unit of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet to support and align with broader State and Federal policies, agreements and Aboriginal governance structures.

This work will include identifying the interrelationship between Aboriginal governance structures in South Australia to inform the Closing the Gap Coalition of Peaks and ensure Aboriginal peoples in South Australia inform the national agenda on housing.



Strategy Pillar 2:

Service Reform: changing the way government does business.

Develop connections with the broader housing and government systems and services.

Guiding principles: Self-determination, Participation, Place-based

Priority: Enabling Functionality, Culturally Responsive Services

What did we hear?

- Poor coordination of services, including appropriate data sharing
- Centralisation of government services drives mobility without appropriate accommodation options
- Aboriginal people exiting government institutions is a significant contributor to homelessness
- A lack of genuine engagement and ongoing consultation with the Aboriginal community has resulted in poorly designed and implemented housing services which ultimately do not address community need.

Who benefits? Metropolitan / Regional / Remote Aboriginal Communities

What does this mean for community?

That services offered are co-designed to be clear and streamlined. This will help to ensure services are supported and do not create hardship.

Actions

2.1 Embed housing and homelessness goals and targets across mainstream government policies.

- In consultation with the Department of the Premier and Cabinet - Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation (DPC-AAR) and aligned to the *Closing the Gap Implementation Plan*, undertake across agency consultation and co-link investment of Aboriginal housing and homelessness services. Develop a project plan which includes formalised monitoring, evaluation and reporting frameworks.
- Develop community and sector communications and engagement strategy for local decision making frameworks.

Led by: SA Housing Authority

Timeframe: Short-medium-term

2.2 Ensure the mainstream housing system is culturally safe and responsive through the development and implementation of a Housing Cultural Framework specifically for South Australia.

- Establish cross-agency case managed supports for vulnerable Aboriginal persons.
- SA Housing Authority, in collaboration with the Aboriginal Advisory Committee (AAC), South Australian Housing Trust (SAHT) Board, review the Cultural Inclusion Framework for South Australia and advise on amendments.
- The identification and implementation of innovative best practice models for ensuring housing options are tailored to the different needs of Aboriginal peoples including:
 - youth leaving out-of-home care, moving for educational purposes or wanting to enter the home ownership market
 - elders requiring different models of care and/or facilitation of returning to Country
 - single Aboriginal men, Aboriginal peoples with a disability and other vulnerable Aboriginal peoples and families.
- Evaluate and prioritise how housing types improves other life outcomes to inform Local Decision Making Frameworks and asset management planning.

Led by: SA Housing Authority

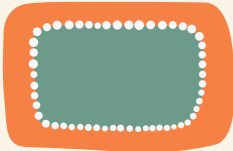
Timeframe: Medium-term

2.3 Embed an Aboriginal-related focus in existing tenancy advocacy services.

- Provide culturally informed advice to tenants about their rights and responsibilities and act on tenant's behalf where requested, including in negotiations with landlords and their agents and representing tenants at South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (SACAT) hearings and mediations. This should aim to include employing Aboriginal staff proportionate to the service delivery area.
- Create culturally informed early interventions in the SACAT referral process to reduce the instances of referrals.

Led by: SA Housing Authority and housing sector

Timeframe: Ongoing



Strategy Pillar 3: Economic Participation: more jobs for Aboriginal peoples and businesses.

Develop and implement an Aboriginal Procurement and Employment Action Plan that maximises Aboriginal engagement and economic participation in the housing sector.

Guiding principles: Self-determination, Participation, Place-based, Inclusive

Priority: Inclusion, Participation, Self-determination

What did we hear?

- The importance of clear and achievable targets regarding economic development opportunities for Aboriginal communities to participate in the housing economy within their own communities
- Governance, economic development and self-determination were common themes and the connection between them all created a more complete picture of the aspirations and desires of Aboriginal peoples in South Australia.

Who benefits? Metropolitan / Regional / Remote Aboriginal Communities

What does this mean for community?

Aboriginal people are afforded the same opportunities as all South Australians and can enjoy the benefits of financial independence and social inclusion through participating in the housing sector economy.

Actions

3.1 Create economic development opportunities for Aboriginal communities to equitably participate in the housing sector economy.

- Review Remote Aboriginal Housing Maintenance models, including the Housing for Health framework, and other best practice and consider the potential to implement in consultation with Aboriginal communities.
- The early identification of major contracts to be performed within remote Aboriginal communities and communities with a significant Aboriginal population and apply industry participation plans, tailored to create Aboriginal economic participation. These opportunities may include joint ventures, subcontracting, Tier 1 sponsorship models and workforce participation.
- Identify opportunities to procure directly from eligible Aboriginal businesses that provide value-for-money quotes of less than \$220,000.
- For major projects, the industry participation weighting should be increased to 30 per cent to create an incentive to engage Aboriginal businesses in the supply chain and to create employment opportunities for Aboriginal people living in regional and remote regions of the state.
- In consultation with Office of the Industry Advocate (OIA), identify opportunities for agency coordination of service contracts in regional and remote communities to build local labour markets and support financial independence to enable rental affordability and community reinvestment.
- Work with regions, local communities and relevant business clusters (including Far North Economic Collective, First Nations Entrepreneur Hub (FNEH) at Lot Fourteen, the OIA) to identify Aboriginal Business Enterprise (ABE) market capability and socialise procurement opportunities to increase procurement spend with Aboriginal suppliers. This consultation should include the Senior Management Council's Aboriginal Affairs Executive Committee, Economic Participation Working Group.

Led by: SA Housing Authority and Office of the Industry Advocate and relevant agencies

Timeframe: Short-medium-term

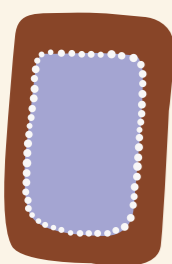
3.2 Partner with other government agencies to build the capability of Aboriginal businesses and communities to procure from government.

- In consultation with the OIA and Indigenous Business Australia, facilitate Aboriginal procurement workshops to build the capability of Aboriginal suppliers to successfully engage in government procurement processes and to identify opportunities to build a pipeline of contracting opportunities for ABE.
- Each year, SA Housing Authority will publicly report aggregate procurement spend with Aboriginal suppliers.

Led by: SA Housing Authority, Office of the Industry Advocate and Indigenous Business Australia

Timeframe: Short-medium-term





Strategy Pillar 4:




Homelessness and Crisis Services: making more safe places to stay where and when you need them.

Build a culturally informed and responsive homelessness sector that meets the needs of Aboriginal peoples in South Australia.

Guiding principles: Self-determination, Participation, Place-based, Inclusive

Priority: Culturally Responsive Services, Transitional Housing

What did we hear?

-  Services are not aligned to the needs and interests of Aboriginal peoples
-  Accommodation services are designed without Aboriginal community input
-  Not enough transitional and emergency housing and accommodation.


Who benefits? Metropolitan / Regional / Remote Aboriginal Communities

What does this mean for community?

Aboriginal communities, service providers and government will work together to make sure that services that are set up to help Aboriginal people in crisis or experiencing homelessness are responsive and appropriate.

Actions





4.1 Ensure the SA Homelessness Alliance decision-making is culturally informed.

-  Inclusion of the Aboriginal community-controlled sector and/or Aboriginal community representation on the Homelessness Alliance System Steering Group, which will be governed via Alliance contracting frameworks.

Led by: Office for Homelessness Sector Integration

Timeframe: Short-term

4.2 Implement culturally informed and person-centred homelessness services.

-  Partner with the Office for Homelessness Sector Integration and ensure service agreements for homelessness and crisis services consider and appropriately respond to the interests of Aboriginal communities.
-  Support services to provide coordinated case management and culturally informed, responsive service delivery. Consultation should include the Senior Management Council's Aboriginal Affairs Executive Committee, Building Capability in Vulnerable Families Working Group.
-  Support early intervention strategies to identify risk factors, stabilise a person in housing crisis and prevent their need for crisis or homelessness services. Ensure this support is tailored to individual and family circumstances, interests and cultural needs.
-  Ensure a Safety First response for women and their children experiencing domestic and family violence that is culturally responsive.

Led by: Office for Homelessness Sector Integration

Timeframe: Medium


4.3 Ensure exit pathways from institutions and care into stable and safe housing through service reform to reduce Aboriginal peoples' overrepresentation across the homelessness system.

-  Consultation with the Senior Management Council's Aboriginal Affairs Executive Committee, for Over-Representation of Aboriginal South Australians in the Criminal Justice System Working Group.

Led by: Office for Homelessness Sector Integration, Community Housing Providers, non-government organisations and relevant government agencies, including the Department for Correctional Services, SA Health, the Department of Human Services and the Department for Child Protection.

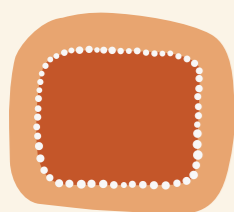
Timeframe: Short-medium-term

4.4 To complete a supply and demand assessment of crisis and transitional accommodation housing options.

-  Investigate increasing the availability of culturally appropriate transitional and crisis accommodation that meets the needs of Aboriginal peoples and families.

Led by: SA Housing Authority and SA Health

Timeframe: Medium-long-term



Strategy Pillar 5: Housing Supply: better access to housing.

Expand the supply of safe and secure homes to meet the current and future needs of the growing Aboriginal population.

Guiding principles: Self-determination, Participation, Place-based, Inclusive

Priority: Affordable Housing and Home Ownership

What did we hear?

- Better access to social and affordable housing options across metropolitan, regional and remote communities.

Who benefits? Metropolitan / Regional / Remote Aboriginal Communities

What does this mean for community?

This is about how government will increase the access and supply of social and affordable housing in communities for Aboriginal people.

Actions

5.1 Increase the supply of homes for Aboriginal peoples and communities.

- Investing \$37 million in new social housing and maintaining the value of Aboriginal social housing stock.
- Investing \$28.4 million in 35 replacement houses by 2024/25, including 26 on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands and nine on the West Coast.
- Creating 250 apprenticeship opportunities for Aboriginal peoples.

Led by: SA Housing Authority

Timeframe: Medium-long-term

5.2 Increase the access to homes for Aboriginal peoples and communities.

- Investing \$34 million in remote area maintenance over five years and identifying efficiencies to reduce timeframes where housing stock is out of commission.
- Ensuring the SA Housing Authority's five year Regional Asset Management Plans are developed in consultation with local communities through the Local Decision Making Frameworks.
- Exploring the potential to use existing housing and private rental markets to meet housing needs through leasing arrangements, rental support and voucher schemes as a cost effective way of providing social housing.

Led by: SA Housing Authority

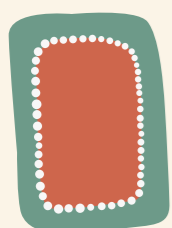
Timeframe: Medium-long-term

5.3 Invest in innovative housing solutions that meet the different needs of Aboriginal peoples.

- Continue to invest in Tika Tirka Student Accommodation to ensure Aboriginal youth from regional and remote communities are able to access further education in a supported environment away from home. This investment includes reviewing and monitoring the program's effectiveness to inform future delivery models and potential to scale.
- Progress the provision of \$4 million in grant funding to Aboriginal Community Housing Limited to partner with Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation for the delivery of 40 targeted long-term housing outcomes in Bedford Park for Aboriginal Elders.
- Benchmark innovate best practice housing solutions that can be applied to meet the different needs of Aboriginal people in South Australia.

Led by: SA Housing Authority

Timeframe: Short-medium-term








Strategy Pillar 6: Home Ownership: pathways for buying a house that are accessible and ethical.

Develop pathways out of social housing into home ownership.

Guiding principles: Self-determination, Participation, Place-based, Inclusive

Priority: Affordable Housing and Home Ownership

What did we hear?

-  Saving for a deposit and/or an inability to secure finance
-  Financial literacy impacting on confidence to enter the rental market or home ownership
-  Many people reported low levels of financial literacy impacting the ability to enter the private rental market or home ownership. Numeracy, banking, mortgages and loans were areas with the most reported knowledge gaps
-  The need for simple and clear finance options for buying a home
-  The inability to buy a home on traditional lands.



Who benefits? Metropolitan / Regional Aboriginal Communities

What does this mean for community?

That every Aboriginal person can aspire to home ownership and secure a long-term household for individuals and families.

Actions




6.1 Create and innovate Aboriginal home ownership models that drive accessibility to the broader market.

-  Develop an action plan to support Aboriginal peoples to access affordable housing, including ensuring the HomeSeeker SA program continues to provide information specific for Aboriginal community members.
-  Investigate different land ownership and leasing structures, including where legislative reform may be required to improve home ownership opportunities for Aboriginal peoples.

Led by: SA Housing Authority, Indigenous Business Australia, HomeStart and financial institutions

Timeframe: Ongoing

6.2 Partner with private financial institutions, Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) and HomeStart to identify products that promote and facilitate access to home ownership as a viable and achievable aspiration for Aboriginal peoples in South Australia.

-  Explore innovative products and models for home ownership, in consultation with communities and relevant stakeholders, which may include initiatives such as a good renter discount, matched savings scheme, shared equity, commercial finance products and rent to buy.
-  Increase Aboriginal peoples' access to money management services to provide practical and essential support to help people build longer term capability to manage their money and increase financial resilience.
-  In consultation with IBA and relevant stakeholders, provide Aboriginal consumers with the option to access a pool of buyer's advocates to assist them purchase their first home. Advocates will assist with all aspects of the home ownership process, including ethical finance and lending options, contracts, hidden costs and other associated risks.
-  Co-design a homeowner support program that establishes good homeowner habits and long-term housing stability, in partnership with financial institutions that have dedicated strategies to promote financial independence and support improved financial resilience for Aboriginal peoples.
-  Achieve a year-on-year increase in the number of homes owned by Aboriginal people from Year 2 of the *South Australian Aboriginal Housing Strategy 2021-2031* commencement and achieve a 10 per cent increase over its life.

Led by: SA Housing Authority, Indigenous Business Australia, HomeStart and financial institutions

Timeframe: Ongoing

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- Department for Child Protection
- Department of Human Services
- Department for Correctional Services
- Aboriginal Affairs Executive Committee of Senior Management Council
- Aboriginal Lands Trust
- Lakeview Transitional Accommodation Centre
- Northern Adelaide Domestic Violence Service
- SA Health

Non-Government Aboriginal Services

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- Family Violence Legal Service Aboriginal Corporation
- Healthy Dreaming
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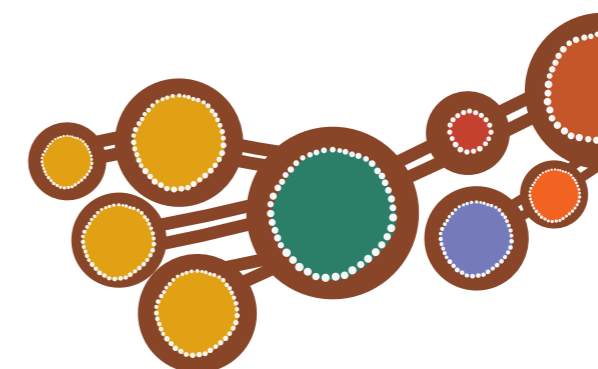
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Our Aboriginal Housing Journey

Story: This artwork represents the voices heard from the Aboriginal community in South Australia, with the creation of the six strategic pillars reached after consultation with State Government stakeholders about how the housing sector will operate within their communities.

The central focus of the artwork is a large circle with horseshoe symbols attached to represent a meeting place for the original consultations. Located in the centre of the artwork are small, rounded symbols that represent Aboriginal people in South Australia. The larger circles located over them, rippling out, show a covering for Aboriginal people to access safe, culturally responsive services for transitional housing and affordable home ownership.

Coming out of the main circle are travelling lines that connect the six pillars' stone shapes showing strength, along with representing the strategic outcomes.

Located on the outer part of the artwork are six small groups of symbols representing the six strategic pillars. Starting at the bottom right-hand side, going around anti-clockwise are 1) Housing Sector Reform 2) Service Reform 3) Economic Participation 4) Homelessness and 5) Crisis Services 6) Housing Supply Home Ownership.

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