#### **UDIA VICTORIA**

# A New Approach to Delivering Affordable Housing in Victoria

Danni Hunter, Chief Executive Officer, UDIA Victoria
October 2020

About UDIA Victoria

Debate, discussion and policy development

The pitch

The way forward

## DISCUSSION POINTS

## **ABOUT UDIA VICTORIA**

#### AN INTRODUCTION

The Urban Development Industry of Australia, Victoria Division (UDIA Victoria) is a non-profit advocacy, research and educational organisation supported by a membership of land use and property development organisations, across the private sector and Victoria's public service.

We are committed to working with both industry and Government to deliver housing, infrastructure and liveable communities for all Victorians.

The building, construction and development industry contributes almost half of the state Government's tax base, employs almost 300,000 Victorians and is a major contributor to the Victorian economy.

## Our Objectives Are Aligned

## Boost Housing Supply

## Make Housing More Affordable

## Find New Solutions

Victoria needs to deliver an additional 6,000 social and affordable housing dwellings per year to keep up with demand.

Taxes and charges on the cost of new housing make up up to 34% of the cost of a new house in Victoria.

The planning system alone cannot deliver the volume of housing supply that we need, nor does it actively drive affordability as a key objective.

### THE PITCH

A low, flat rate, broad-based Affordable Housing Contribution, similar to the Fire Services Levy, transitioned over a period not less than 5 years, to replace all other affordable housing provisions.

### THE PITCH

Affordable housing delivery targets, supported by an Affordable Housing Delivery Toolkit of funding and incentive measures that can be applied to fund the gap between the cost of delivering and the Affordable Housing Contribution.

## THE PITCH

A comprehensive capacity building program targeting all stakeholders – all levels of government, development and community housing industries, financiers, and the community – to create common shared understanding of interests of the various parties, and outline the various ways in which affordable housing outcomes can be delivered to meet the varied needs of very low, low and moderate income households including key workers.

## The Way Forward

## Advocacy to Government

## **Build Cross- Sector Capacity**

#### Perseverance!!!

Ministerial Advisory
Committee; Local
Council Affordable
Housing Policy
Development; AHAIG

Drive connections,
relationships and
understanding across the
development industry,
community housing
sector and public sector.

We are committed, enthusiastic, and hopeful for a new dawn for delivering the affordable housing we need.