

A message to the homelessness and housing sector

New Sector Reference Group to help invigorate and reform the sector

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Dear Sector Partners,

I would like to thank everyone who nominated themselves, or others from their organisation, for participation in the Specialist Homelessness Services Sector Reference Group (SRG).

The response was very encouraging and demonstrates the significant interest from the SHS sector in participating in the process to invigorate and reform the homelessness sector.

Unfortunately, it was not possible to include everyone who nominated on the SRG. However, the 10 people selected exemplify a cross-section of the SHS sector by representing the four main cohorts - Aboriginal, Youth, Domestic and Family Violence and Generic. The membership also ensures fair representation of country and metropolitan areas, and gender representation.

The members of the SRG are listed below and I'm sure you will join with me in wishing them well. For those who nominated but weren't selected, there will be future opportunities to have input into the reform process and I would encourage you to nominate yourselves when these opportunities occur.

The SHS sector will be provided with regular feedback following SRG meetings to ensure that you are all provided with up to date information as the reforms progress. I am very keen to engage with as many organisations and individuals as possible, and the SRG is just the first step in this process.

List of SRG Members

- Graham Brown – Baptist Care SA
- Paul Edginton - SYC
- Maria Hagias – Women's Safety Services SA
- Kim Holmes – Neami National
- Liz Malcolm – Uniting Country SA
- Maria Palumbo – Junction Australia
- Craig Rigney - Kornar Winmil Yunti
- Peter Sandeman – AnglicareSA
- Simon Schrapel – Uniting Communities
- Susie Smith – Centacare

The SRG will be independently chaired by Loretta Reynolds who has a very impressive resume as a Partner, Markets & Chair at Thomson Geer and with a number of Boards. The new SRG will hold its first meeting on Tuesday 26 May.

Should you have any questions please contact the Office for Homelessness Sector Integration at HousingOHSI@sa.gov.au

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