

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT****DETERMINATION****WHEREAS**

The Commonwealth wishes to provide financial assistance to the States for use by them directly or through eligible local government or non-profit organisations on specific housing programs to which the prior approval of the Minister has been given for the purposes of a Social Housing Subsidy Program ('the Program'). The Program is intended to subsidise recurrent costs of financing accommodation for low and moderate income earners by the raising of additional funds for the provision of:

- (A) Shared Equity Programs, and
- (B) Rental Accommodation

for low and moderate income earners but not to subsidise the accumulation of equity in housing stock (without precluding the use of financing methods involving some accumulation of equity funded from sources outside the Program where agreed to by the Commonwealth).

The primary objective of the Program is to subsidise efforts by Eligible Providers to raise additional funds, through gearing, for the provision of an increased level and range of housing services for low and moderate income households.

Other objectives of the Program include:

- (i) encouraging the efficient and effective utilisation of subsidised housing resources by facilitating the allocation of public housing resources to those in greatest need;
- (ii) improving access to an affordable and appropriate range of housing options that meet the housing needs of low income clients;
- (iii) ensuring that management of subsidised housing programs is cost effective, efficient and reasonably responsive to people's needs; and
- (iv) ensuring that planning processes under the Program are effectively integrated with relevant planning processes under the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement (CSHA) and are consistent with other Commonwealth and State Government housing and urban planning policies.