

COSY HOMES CHARITABLE TRUST BIANNUAL STAKEHOLDER MEETING

26 November 2020



TODAY'S AGENDA

- Legislative and Policy Update
- Local Sector Update
- Cosy Homes News and Activities
- Guest Speaker – Raewynne Jacobs, EECA
- Group Discussion



LEGISLATIVE & POLICY UPDATE



RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AMENDMENT ACT

- Rent increases limited to once every 12 months
- Ends 'no-cause' terminations of periodic tenancies – justified reason required
- Fixed term leases become periodic upon expiry
- Ban on solicitation of rent bidding
- Allows minor changes to home by tenant
- Increased financial penalties for violations
- Tribunal – successful parties can have details anonymised



HEALTHY HOMES STANDARDS

- Sets minimum requirements for insulation, heating, ventilation, draught stopping, and moisture/drainage
- 1 December 2020: deadline for landlords providing a compliance statement
- 1 July 2021: private landlords must comply within 90 days of any new/renewed tenancy



MBIE 'BUILDING FOR CLIMATE CHANGE' PROGRAMME

- Holistic review of Building Code/Building Act
- Focus on reducing emissions during construction/operation and preparing buildings to withstand climate change
- “Will make homes warmer, drier, better ventilated, and provide a healthier place for us all to work and live”
- Initial focus on new buildings
- Consultation/engagement continuing 2021



BUILDING FOR CLIMATE CHANGE: 2050 VISION

- NZ's buildings are using as little energy and water as possible. **They are warmer, drier and better ventilated, and provide a healthier place for us all to work and live.**
- **The wellbeing of NZers has improved, they're leading healthier lives, and respiratory illnesses from cold and damp houses is uncommon. People also have more money in their pockets due to lower energy bills.**
- **Also: reduced stress on electricity grid, carbon costs/budget a core consideration, reuse/recycle of building materials for circular economy supported by local supply chains**



SECTOR UPDATES



AURORA LINES CHARGES – CPP

- Commerce Commission has issued a draft decision on Aurora's application for a customised price-quality path (CPP) for lines charges
- Addresses capital replacement to correct decades of underinvestment and ensure safety of infrastructure
- Comm Comm now consulting on Draft Decision – see website
- Upcoming public meeting: **Dunedin Centre, 1 Dec., 4-6pm**

AURORA LINES CHARGES – CPP

Increase in Residential Monthly Lines Component relative to 2020/21 – Medium Consumer Profile

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Scenario 1					
Dunedin	\$4.70	\$11.60	\$18.10	\$24.90	\$32.40
Central Otago	\$9.40	\$17.50	\$27.50	\$39.10	\$51.30
Queenstown	\$7.10	\$10.80	\$17.40	\$24.80	\$33.00

BLUESKIN ENERGY LIMITED - OTAGO HOME RETROFIT PROJECT

- \$2.5m funding secured from Central Government
- Project involves a comprehensive upgrade of homes for at least 300 low-income/vulnerable Otago residents
- Feb 2021 planned launch, 2.75 year duration
- Will allow a systematic evaluation of a pilot programme to relieve energy hardship, reduce energy demand and mitigate carbon emissions



COSY HOMES NEWS & ACTIVITIES



COSY HOMES ACTIVITIES 2019/20

Activity	# delivered
Referrals made to Warm Up New Zealand subsidised insulation programme	58
Community clinics, expos, presentations, workshops and talks attended	8
Attendees of Cosy Homes workshops, presentations and expos	399
Direct public inquiries to Cosy Homes regarding home insulation, heating and energy efficiency	250
Stakeholder engagement/meetings	94
Printed resources on warm and healthy homes interventions and insulation programmes distributed	400



OTAGO WARMER KIWI HOMES 2019/20 INSULATION PROGRAMME STATS

Council Area	Homes Insulated
Dunedin	486
Waitaki	155
Clutha	75
Central Otago	25
Queenstown Lakes	3
TOTAL OTAGO 2019-20	744



OTAGO WARMER KIWI HOMES 2020/21 INSULATION PROGRAMME STATS TO DATE

Council Area	Homes Insulated (July-Oct)
Dunedin	179
Waitaki	52
Clutha	41
Central Otago	12
Queenstown Lakes	0
TOTAL OTAGO (July – Oct)	284



COSY HOMES SUBMISSIONS/ ADVOCACY 2020

National:

**MBIE Building for Climate Change
Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill 2020**

Local/Regional:

Central Otago District Council Annual Plan

Dunedin City Council Annual Plan

Queenstown-Lakes District Council Annual Plan

Aurora Energy Customer Advisory Panel

Commerce Commission Review of Aurora Energy Customised Price Path

Otago Regional Council Regional Policy Statement – Air Reference Group



AIR QUALITY WORK



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- Working with ORC comms and compliance to promote clean heating/good burning practices
- **ORC Air Quality programme under review in 2021** – opportunity for engagement/advocacy
- Collaborating with SDHB, ORC, NIWA and other stakeholders on AQ issues and clean home heating across Otago



NEW – WARMER KIWI HOMES HEATING SUBSIDY TOP-UPS

EECA Warmer Kiwi Homes provides grants for heating appliances to eligible households:

90% of cost up to \$3000 max

Cosy Homes Trust has just introduced a matching grant to compliment the EECA funding:

10% of cost up to \$300 max

= \$3300 total subsidy available across Otago*



CENTRAL LAKES TRUST – COSY HOMES TRUST PARTNERSHIP



Central Lakes
TRUST

- \$640k funding for insulation and heating subsidies
- Warmer Kiwi Homes insulation and heating ‘top-ups’
- New initiative offering 70% insulation subsidy (\$2800 max) to homeowners in NZDep 5/6/7 areas



CENTRAL LAKES TRUST SERVICE AREA





Warmer Kiwi Homes



**Raewynne Jacobs,
EECA**



DISCUSSION

