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Dear Working Group Members

**Re: Submission to the Affordable Housing Working Group's Review of Innovative Financing Models to deliver affordable housing in Australia**

At its meeting on 8 March 2016, Leichhardt Council resolved to write to you to request that during your current review that you specifically explore the housing bond schemes in both New Zealand and Europe, particularly the Auckland City Council housing bonds trial, as possible innovative financing methods to deliver affordable housing in the Australian context.

To assist you in your investigation of housing bond schemes, I provide you with the relevant weblinks to the Auckland City Council Housing Bonds trial:

- Community Housing Aotearoa: [www.communityhousing.org.nz](http://www.communityhousing.org.nz)
- Auckland Community Housing Providers Network: [www.achpn.net.nz](http://www.achpn.net.nz)
- Auckland Council: [www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)
- Community Housing Regulatory Authority: [www.shu.govt.nz/chra-home/](http://www.shu.govt.nz/chra-home/)

The Business Case that supports the Auckland City Council Housing Bonds trial is available at the following weblink:  
[http://communityhousing.org.nz/files/2914/1757/0002/AHB\\_Economic\\_Case\\_3Dec14.pdf](http://communityhousing.org.nz/files/2914/1757/0002/AHB_Economic_Case_3Dec14.pdf)

Thank you for considering this matter and we look forward to the publication of your report in the middle of this year.

Yours sincerely

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