

AHURI 71084 broad focus group topic guide

Focus group	Discussion focus
Affordable housing provider board directors	<p>Views on organisational and industry culture and performance; future needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director viewpoints on current organisational and industry culture, workforce strengths and weaknesses, current performance levels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What has been the focus of capacity building recently? – How well resourced has capacity building been? • Who and in what ways do Boards expect capacity needs to be met? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What is the role for agency specific initiatives, govt., industry trade bodies, partners, others? – What goals, principles and benchmarks should guide investment in capacity building • Director viewpoints on organisational/industry capacity (financial, staff, governance, systems etc.) to take on large scale public housing transfers? What are the priorities that need to be addressed? • Director viewpoints on other industry /organisational capacity building priorities for the next 5 years? • Any specific views on building governance capacity in the industry?
Support partners	<p>Partner perspectives on capacity challenges in the industry in light of large-scale transfers of public housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do support partners currently work with affordable housing providers? • What roles currently do support partners play in relation to capacity building (training, networking etc) • What are the perceived capacity constraints of affordable housing partner organisations? • What are support partner perspectives on gaps and capacity building priorities in relation to large scale public housing transfers? • What roles can support partners play in addressing these and other priority industry needs? • Any specific views on building partnership capabilities in the industry?
Development partners	<p>Development partner perspectives on capacity challenges in the industry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do development partners currently work with affordable housing providers? • What roles currently do development partners play in relation to capacity building (mentoring, skills transfer, risk transfer) • What are the perceived capacity constraints of partner organisations? • Development partner perspectives on gaps and capacity building priorities in relation to development or redevelopment activities? • What roles can development partners play in addressing these and other priority industry needs? • Any specific views on building partnership capabilities in the industry?

<p>Policymakers</p>	<p>Policy maker perspectives on capacity challenges in the industry especially in view of possible large-scale transfers of public housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do policy makers perceive to be the main current capacity constraints of affordable housing organisations and the industry overall? How were these determined? • What are policy maker perspectives on issues, gaps and capacity building priorities in relation to large scale public housing transfers? • What roles can/should government play in addressing these and other priority industry needs? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What goals, principles and benchmarks should guide investment in capacity building • To more effectively enable industry development, what do policymakers identify as capacity needs and capacity development priorities <i>within govt.</i>
<p>Regulators</p>	<p>Regulator viewpoint's on governance and organisational capacity, business development and performance issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To what extent and in what ways do regulators currently consider capacity issues within the registered housing provider sector? What evidence guidelines and assessment tools are used to support this function? • From a regulatory perspective, what aspects/ parts of the industry are most in need of capacity building? • What specific views do regulators have of how the industry's capacity will (need to) change in response to large scale stock public housing programs and other growth drivers? • What should be the capacity building priorities for the next 5 years? • How best can/would regulation facilitate capacity development?