

## AHURI 71084 broad focus group topic guide

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

<p>Policymakers</p>	<p><b>Policy maker perspectives on capacity challenges in the industry especially in view of possible large-scale transfers of public housing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do policy makers perceive to be the main current capacity constraints of affordable housing organisations and the industry overall? How were these determined?</li> <li>• What are policy maker perspectives on issues, gaps and capacity building priorities in relation to large scale public housing transfers?</li> <li>• What roles can/should government play in addressing these and other priority industry needs? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– What goals, principles and benchmarks should guide investment in capacity building</li> </ul> </li> <li>• To more effectively enable industry development, what do policymakers identify as capacity needs and capacity development priorities <i>within govt.</i></li> </ul>
<p>Regulators</p>	<p><b>Regulator viewpoint's on governance and organisational capacity, business development and performance issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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?</li> <li>• From a regulatory perspective, what aspects/ parts of the industry are most in need of capacity building?</li> <li>• 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?</li> <li>• What should be the capacity building priorities for the next 5 years?</li> <li>• How best can/would regulation facilitate capacity development?</li> </ul>