Perspective from an Aboriginal Housing Provider

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Introduction

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- Governance structure
- Issues we face
- What we are doing
Background

- Currently have 76 houses
- Spread throughout the Macleay Valley - Greenhill, West Kempsey, South Kempsey, Burnt Bridge, Crescent Head, South West Rocks and Stuarts Point
- 4 discrete communities including former Reserves and Missions
- Gained PARS accreditation in March 2013
- Re-accreditation to commence on 9 March 2015
- 1 of 99 Aboriginal Community Housing Provider in NSW
- 1 of 47 registered ACHP in NSW
Governance structure

Members
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- Currently have 184 Active Members and 128 are Voting

Board
- Elected by Membership
- Chair Grahame Quinlan and Deputy Chair Fred Kelly
- Responsible for the Strategic positioning of the LALC

CEO
- Recruited by Board
- Currently Jo-Anne Kelly
- Responsible for the Day to Day Management of the LALC

Kempsey Local Aboriginal Land Council
Portfolios

Social Housing

Culture & Heritage

Economic Development

Finances & Compliance
Issues we face

- Don’t have enough houses
- Asset rich, cash poor
- Have up to 4 generations living in one house
- Have 1 or 2 people living in 4 bedroom houses
- Limitations with our housing stock
- Tenants claim Rental Assistance - don’t necessarily pay their rent
- Tenants can’t access private rental - social reasons - racism?
- Social Housing v Business
- Work in isolation
- Discrete Communities
What are we doing?

- Developing a 2030 plan
- Look at joint venture opportunities
- Investigate property managing AHO housing
- Investigate establishing Elders Villages
- Discuss with Ministers for Housing, Social Services, Indigenous Affairs for a pilot program for rental assistance
- Transition from PARS to NRS
- Develop Partnerships