



MEMBER ALERT

HIA Summit Investigates Infrastructure Funding

HIA believes that ensuring an adequate supply of affordable homes is one of the foremost challenges facing Australia today and there are a range of barriers standing in the way.

HIA has hosted a major one day Summit titled “Urban Infrastructure – Australia’s Housing Future” to bring together a diverse range of speakers from Australia, the UK, the USA, and Canada to discuss contemporary experiences and consider future options for reducing one of the largest barriers to boosting Australia’s new housing supply – the supply of infrastructure.

A prominent barrier is the proliferation in recent years of the “user pays” approach to funding physical and social infrastructure, says HIA Managing Director, Mr Shane Goodwin.

“A user pays approach means infrastructure enjoyed not only by the new land buyer but also by the whole community and future generations is paid for by a small group rather than the entire community,” said Mr Goodwin.

This inequitable funding model for infrastructure is adding considerably to the price of new housing as well as reducing the supply of new housing, but at the same time this model is being increasingly embraced across Australia.

The current funding model is untenable and alternative models need to be considered and adopted.

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