

Sharing ideas

Housing construction industry panel

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On Wednesday 21 November 2012, Renewal SA held the first of four industry panels – the Southern Adelaide Housing Construction Industry Panel – with enthusiastic support from industry and the community.

The industry panels are aimed at generating dynamic discussion and debate on innovative, viable and practical ideas that will guide the creation of safe, affordable, accessible and healthy communities.

Renewal SA's Chief Executive, Fred Hansen, hosted the panel encouraging a conversation between key members of the building and development industry, watched by an audience including representatives of Southern Adelaide councils and other builders and developers.

The panel chaired by Mr Hansen comprised the following members:

- ▼ Bryan Moulds
Masonic Homes
- ▼ Ian Marker
Adelaide Development Company
- ▼ Allen Bolaffi
Southern Economic Development Board
- ▼ Mark Gardiner
Qattro Built Pty Ltd
- ▼ Michael Hickinbotham
Hickinbotham Homes

Discussion with the panel and the audience covered many topics including:

1. emerging trends such as parents following children to new locations
2. the relationship between the level of housing and development activity and the introduction, reduction or cessation of Government Grants
3. people looking for homes with lower costs of operation, which can be cost prohibitive to first home buyers
4. too much focus on first home buyers when the population is ageing (and wanting to age in place, i.e. in the same community but not the same home) and living longer
5. older areas being more tightly controlled and restrictive regarding new and innovative designs for infill development
6. the desire for Council DPAs to be more flexible and the need for Councils to adapt to meet the changing market
7. the need to create building efficiencies for more compact development and the preference for scale of development to justify the R&D costs required to be innovative
8. the conflict between affordability and sustainability
9. the acknowledgement that whilst Government can't solve all the issues, they can assist by influencing the policy levers and driving partnerships



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