

# Regional Taskforce on Homelessness

## Draft 2 Terms of Reference



### 1. Role:

The role of the Regional Taskforce is to develop and implement a 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness in the Nepean region and to ensure the participation of all stakeholders represented by Taskforce members in the development of that plan.

### 2. Principle functions:

The principle functions of the **Regional Taskforce** are:

- To develop a 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness for the Nepean region;
- To provide direction on policy for strategic issues;
- To identify priority projects as part of the Plan's development and implementation through collaboration;
- To monitor progress on agreed outcomes and be accountable for actions that are undertaken to end homelessness; and
- To provide representation to government regarding ending homelessness in the region.

To that end **Working Groups** comprising appropriate officers of the organisations represented by Taskforce members will meet as required to facilitate the development of the regional action plan on homelessness. The role of the Working Group/s will be:

- To implement the agreed outcomes and priorities identified by the Task Force in relation to the development of a 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness; and
- To coordinate consultation between all stakeholders in the region in the development and implementation of the Plan.

### 3. Membership:

Membership of the Regional Taskforce includes:

Commonwealth Government agencies: Centrelink, FAHCSIA

NSW State Government agencies: Housing NSW, Community Services, Corrections, Education, Health, Sydney West Area Health Service, NSW Police Local Area Command, Disability Services (ADHOC)

Nepean Councils: Blue Mountains City Council, Penrith City Council, Hawkesbury Council, Blacktown City Council

Community sector: Wentworth Community Housing; the Nepean Campaign Against Homelessness comprising regional homelessness services; Western Sydney Community Forum comprising community services in the region

Business sector: Richard Eastmead

Philanthropic organisation: United Way Australia

Homelessness Consumers: Louisiana Griffin and additional consumer

Aboriginal Community: to be confirmed.

### 4. Quorum

A quorum for the Steering Committee will be ten voting members.

## **5. Meeting Administration:**

The inaugural Chairperson of the Regional Taskforce will be the CEO of the Mercy Foundation, Felicity Reynolds. The inaugural Deputy Chair will be Richard Eastmead, the business representative. *Nepean Campaign Against Homelessness* officers will provide secretariat support to the Taskforce.