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	CEHL AND MEMBER CO-OPS WILL WORK IN PARTNERSHIP TO ENSURE THAT THE COMMON EQUITY HOUSING PROGRAM
Affordability and Financial Sustainability Our program should facilitate affordable living for all program participants. Our program's financial structure and operations should ensure ongoing viability of co-operatives and CEHL.	 Offers housing at a cost that meets clear benchmarks of affordability for each household Provides an appropriate standard of maintenance and level of service to each household Designs and locates future property developments in a manner that minimises the cost of living for program participants, including energy costs and any service fees Designs and manages all activities and developments in an efficient manner that ensures adherence to relevant regulatory standards, whilst ensuring the financial sustainability for its co-operatives and CEHL.
Changing Needs Our program will be flexible in order to accommodate the changing needs of tenant members, co-ops and the community and to ensure ongoing viability.	 Maintains tenant rights to security of tenure within the program Minimises the need to require a tenant to move to another property. Provides a range of housing options to suit Co-operative and tenant needs. Ensures that tenants are included in planning to ensure that future accommodation meets their needs Facilitates transfers between properties or co-operatives Offers housing in a manner that builds a sustainable and diverse portfolio, while retaining program viability



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Member Support and Development All tenant members should have access to appropriate information, support and training in order to be able to meet program requirements. Participation Co-operatives need everyone to share activities and democratic decision-making to	 Grows in a manner that maintains program viability, whilst expanding the availability of cooperative housing across the Victorian community Actively promotes Housing Co-operatives and advocates for the growth of co-operative housing programs Maintains a mix of housing and tenant members that reflects the diversity of the wider community and are suited to the program and the co-operative model of housing Ensures that the viability of Co-operatives can be sustained. Ensures participation options offer flexibility to accommodate varying abilities and changing commitments over time.
ensure that they meet all their responsibilities and keep operating. Co-operatives will provide opportunities and encouragement for all members to participate according to individual capacity and capabilities.	 Promotes fair contributions by each member to development and operation of their Co-operative. Offers a range of Co-operative models and participation choices
Quality of Housing Properties managed by our program will offer safe, secure housing that is well-maintained to a consistent quality.	 Offers housing that is established and maintained in accordance with clear quality standards Provides Co-operatives with all relevant Housing Standards and guidance on interpreting the standards In decisions relating to properties, considers the financial viability of the property, environmental sustainability, the impact of the decision on the tenant and the Co-operative, and how it meets program goals In property maintenance decisions, considers the long-term value of the work and or materials chosen



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Security The primary goal of our program is to offer safe, secure, long-term tenure with tenant members offered housing choices that are appropriate to their needs and requirements.	 Maintains tenant rights to security of tenure within the program Minimises the need to require a tenant to move to another property Provides a range of housing options to suit tenant member needs Ensures that tenants are included in planning to ensure that future accommodation meets their needs Facilitates transfers between properties or co-operatives
Working Together Co-operatives and CEHL will reflect co- operative values in all aspects of their operation, with all interactions conducted in a respectful and collaborative manner. The program will foster a sense of program ownership amongst its participants, who will be offered genuine opportunities to influence program development and governance.	 Fosters the development of positive communities and the active, collaborative involvement of program participants Provides clear, timely, regular, consistent and relevant communication Promotes relationships between program participants, Co-operatives and CEHL that are ethical and respectful, with clear definition of roles Offers opportunities to program participants to influence the ongoing development of our program, establishing clear purpose, goals and roles underpinned by co-operative principles

