

# Panellist Profile

## Approved Professional Advisory Panel – Community Housing Futures

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### Introduction Summary

Urbis is a multidisciplinary firm that offers professional services in town planning, urban design, property economics and research, heritage advisory and transport advisory. Our team are leading experts in the property and development industry. We are skilled professionals that have an exemplary track record in delivery small, medium and large scale projects across Queensland. Our services include:

- **Planning Services:** We partner with our clients and their partners to guide their projects through planning processes efficiently and effectively – from vision to approval to development delivery. Urbis employs a range of best-practice planning and research approaches to make sure projects address all key issues, interests and values to deliver tailored and place-suitable development outcomes. Urbis also provides stakeholder and community engagement expertise to facilitate understanding, awareness and support for project development and delivery.
- **Economics and Property:** Urbis has a market-leading team of valuers, transaction advisors, asset and investment managers, economists, data scientists, property & compensation and litigation specialists, and ESG leaders provide the pathway to clarity, confidence and commercial results.
- **Urban Design and Landscape Architecture:** Urbis has a highly awarded team of urban designers and landscape architects, who deliver site-specific urban design strategies and public realm designs. Our designers work across the spectrum of design, from strategic visioning to implementation and adjust their services to suit individual project needs, big and small.
- **Transport Advisory:** Our transport specialists provide quality strategic advice to inform site and development feasibility at an early stage using real-world data and best practice. Urbis’s transport advisory team navigates through planning assessment frameworks with the preparation of transport plans, green travel and active transport plans as well as all the practicalities of traffic impact assessment.
- **Heritage Advisory:** Urbis’s heritage consultancy provides independent, strategic advice on all heritage aspects of properties and projects, from pre-design and approval, to construction. Our heritage specialists have expertise in both Indigenous and European cultural heritage, can assist in the identification of opportunities and constraints that may affect development and provide advice to navigate heritage frameworks.

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- **Strategic Advisory:** Our team of specialists provide strategic advice across a range of sectors. We are future-focused and take a comprehensive approach to helping our clients identify and future-proof their planning and development related decision-making. Urbis assist clients in a wide variety of strategic advisory tasks, including positioning for advocacy, network planning, portfolio planning and growth strategies as well as site identification and any associated due diligence.

### **Sector Knowledge**

We are leaders in the field of interdisciplinary planning and project development. Our multi-disciplinary team of urban planners, research analysts, economists, valuers, transport planners, traffic engineers, landscape architects, heritage specialists and urban designers ideally positions us to support Community Housing Organisations (CHOs) with the planning, procurement and development of social and affordable housing across Queensland.

Urbis is at the forefront of the industry in understanding and working in the housing sector. Our experience and clients come from all perspectives; local and state government, community housing providers, peak bodies and the development industry. This exposure across the sector allows us to understand the issues and opportunities from a range of perspectives, and tailor our multi-disciplinary approach to client and project needs.

Urbis is an industry leader in shaping policy and advocating for change to ensuring we have a healthy housing system. We understand the resilience and fragility of the community housing sector and the heavy lifting they undertake to support the delivery and management of social and affordable housing. We understand the tier structure of Community Housing Providers (CHPs), state and federal regulatory obligations through the registrar and National Regulatory System for Community Housing (NRSCH) in addition to operational funding structures – both program and capital.

Our services will be available to CHOs throughout all phases of the development pipeline, whether that is strategic positioning, feasibility, applications, approvals or delivery, as sought by this expression of interest. Most importantly we offer this as a multi-disciplinary team committed to working collaboratively with clients to achieve positive social and affordable housing outcomes.

<b>Skills</b>	<b>Offered?</b>	<b>Summary of demonstrated qualifications, consultancy skills and consulting track record</b>
<b>Finance</b>	Yes	<p>Our economists, valuers and property research experts can provide an array of services to CHOs. Our services include site and locality analysis, using demographic data, research on market trends, supply and demand analysis and economic need assessments.</p> <p>Our team can work closely with CHOs to undertake due diligence to determine site and locality suitability for social and affordable housing, with a financial lens. Our specialists are equipped to provide these services in a timely and coordinated manner, to complement other project phases.</p>

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<b>Business Planning</b>	Yes	<p>Urbis' diverse team has established trusted connections with State and Local Government and in the private sector. Through existing relationships, Urbis will facilitate opportunities for collaboration and partnership for CHOs.</p> <p>We are equipped to assist with the preparation of business cases and growth strategies, drawing from our extensive experience advising the public, private and not-for-profit sector on development feasibility matters.</p>
<b>Property Development</b>	Yes	<p>Urbis is a highly experienced property and development consultancy. We provide a depth of expertise and services to assist CHOs in the delivery of social and affordable housing development.</p> <p>Our team includes planning specialists, urban designers, landscape architects, traffic engineers, transport planners, heritage specialists, economists and valuers. The variety and depth of our offering places us at the forefront of the property and development industry. While we have a strong presence in Queensland, we also have the ability to leverage from our interstate offices for opportunities and learnings from the national context.</p>
<b>Risk Management</b>	No	