

# Panellist Profile

## Approved Professional Advisory Panel – Community Housing Futures

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### Introduction Summary

Since 2000, DKO has grown a multidisciplinary team of more than 250 professionals working across six studios in Australia, New Zealand and South-East Asia.

At DKO, people are our greatest resource and collaboration, communication and connection are key to our ethos. We listen to everyone, from the client to the graduate through to the principal, ensuring the best idea for a design always wins.

We are adaptable and flexible in order to achieve. Our expertise is diverse and runs deep, covering architecture, interiors and landscape architecture for sectors that include single and multi-residential, hospitality, commercial, institutional, education and government projects, as well as urban design and masterplans.

In our ever-changing world, DKO's commitment to sustainability is unwavering and consultation with First Nation's peoples is crucial to delivering projects that reflect culture and place, for today and the future.

### Sector Knowledge

DKO has been working with various community housing organisations over the past 10 years including YWCA, Defence Housing Australia and St George Community Housing.

We understand that community housing providers operate within a unique funding environment to provide much-needed social and affordable housing.

In addition to the provision of typical architectural services, we support our CH clients by providing information to assist with funding applications across various states, levels of government and funding bodies. We also take extra time with our CH clients to ensure that the brief will ultimately provide the outcomes that both they and, the funding model, demands.

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Skills	Offered?	Summary of demonstrated qualifications, consultancy skills and consulting track record
<b>Finance</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>Business Planning</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>Property Development</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<p>DKO are strong advocates for the best practice in the design of future homes and cities. We care about delivering a high-quality living environment that maximises community well-being.</p> <p>We offer expertise in urban design, public domain, architecture and landscape that's underpinned by a commitment to the highest quality design and development outcomes.</p> <p>DKO's 23+ years' experience has afforded our team a robust understanding of key stakeholder visions, constraints, opportunities and needs of the residents.</p> <p>Our team is highly capable of balancing design excellence with commercial viability.</p> <p>Our previous projects are all characterized by their uniqueness, the understanding of their context and their ability to provide resilient development outcomes.</p> <p>We have completed or are currently working on a number of social + affordable housing developments that meet the needs of tenants and the community more broadly. Our Gibbons Street, Redfern project has won and been shortlisted for the following awards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UDIA NSW Crown Group Award for Excellence – Affordable Housing – Award</li> <li>• Urban Taskforce Development Excellence Award – Affordable Development – Award</li> <li>• Powerhousing Program Leadership and Government Collaboration – Development – Award</li> <li>• Architecture Award for Social Impact – Housing – Shortlist</li> <li>• Sustainability Awards – Multi-Residential – Shortlist</li> </ul> <p>Our design responses deliver a high-quality residential environment that maximise community connectiveness. With a focus on people and identity, it's fundamental that we look to the cultural fabric and the people who will inhabit the building.</p>
<b>Risk Management</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> No	