

On 14 January 2019, the registration of Bungree Aboriginal Association Limited as a community housing provider under the Community Housing Providers (Adoption of National Law) Act was cancelled.

On 7 February 2019, the parties consented to a stay of that decision pending the outcome of appeal proceedings before the New South Wales Civil and Administrative Tribunal. The effect of this stay was that the registration of Bungree as a community housing provider was reinstated at that time.

I have since had cause to review the whole of the matters that led to the cancellation of Bungree's registration and have determined that proceeding with the cancellation of registration and the associated legal proceedings is not in the best interests of the public, particularly the community Bungree serves through its housing programs, and have therefore consented to final orders in the Tribunal setting aside that cancellation.

I am aware that many of the government bodies who contract with Bungree have been keenly observing the proceedings before the Tribunal, in order to protect the public interest. I advise that no adverse inference should be drawn against Bungree, or any officer or employee of Bungree, on account of the decision taken to cancel the registration or my subsequent decision to reinstate that registration.

My office will continue to work with Bungree, and with all other registered community housing providers, to ensure that the highest standards are upheld.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Valacos

Registrar of Community Housing NSW