

## **Aboriginal Housing Company commences works at Pemulwuy Project, Redfern**

**Sydney, Friday 25 August 2017** – The Aboriginal Housing Company will commence demolition works at Pemulwuy Project on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017 and begin the journey of bringing a vibrant, new community to Redfern. Located opposite Redfern Station on Eveleigh Street, the primary purpose of the development is to provide much needed affordable housing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and will consist of 62 properties – 36 town houses and 26 apartments.

With wide-scale support from the community, locals readily await the commencement of the Pemulwuy Project. When asked to comment on the redevelopment of the area, one local business owner commented that [the development] “is well overdue, and with the community base being one of the best in Sydney it needs the growth. The amount of people and businesses that will thrive [because of the project] is a good thing. I think it’s great urban growth, I think it’s a great idea and a good move for Redfern.”

Alisi Tutuila, Chairperson of the AHC, expressed her gratitude to the community for supporting the AHC and their vision for a sustainable, social, urban development that will create a strong community for generations to come.

“The AHC’s vision is to create a positive future for our next generation. The Pemulwuy Project epitomizes this vision, and will provide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with the opportunity to live and grow up in a vibrant, safe environment in the heart of Sydney. We are happy that we continue to move forward with the support from our community” she concluded.

The Pemulwuy Project will provide the AHC with a strong economic foundation, fostering the hopes and aspirations of the community, through housing, employment, training, and further educational opportunities.

[Click here](#) to watch the community interviews.

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## **About the Aboriginal Housing Company**

The Aboriginal Housing Company (AHC) is an independent non-profit charity and the first community housing provider in Australia, incorporated in 1973 as a company limited by guarantee. It is an all Aboriginal governed organisation, located in the heart of Redfern, which lies in the traditional lands of the Gadigal People, part of the Eora Nation.

The company was formed in direct response to the widespread discrimination Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and families experienced in the private rental market. The AHC is self-funded and operates on income derived from rental properties. Affordable housing is located across Sydney and country regions in NSW.

A current focus is the redevelopment known as Pemulwuy Project. The redevelopment will breathe new life into Redfern and restore a strong and healthy Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community with an emphasis on cultural values, spirituality and employment. The Pemulwuy Project will make Redfern the best urban Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in Australia and in doing so, set the benchmark for all other communities.