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## Involving the community in housing for people with disability

Affordable housing experts gathered today to discuss ways to provide housing for people with disability in Canberra. Minister for Disability Joy Burch and Minister for Housing Yvette Berry both attended the roundtable, jointly hosted by the ACT Government, Bank Australia and Business Councils of Co-operatives and Mutuals.

The discussion engaged speakers from co-operatives and housing developments across the country to share experiences about their varied models of affordable housing for people with disability and stimulated discussion on how these might be applied in the ACT.

Ms Burch said the roundtable was a tangible way of supporting one of the priority areas of *INVOLVE - Canberra Disability Commitment*.

"*INVOLVE* is a campaign to get our community engaged in working together to address issues faced by people with disability," Ms Burch said.

"One of the priority areas for focus is providing housing for people with disability and this roundtable brought together some of the best minds in housing to discuss solutions."

Ms Berry said the ACT Government is working with the community to develop new models of housing for people with disability.

"There is a real need to develop a range of housing models that support people with disability to live more independent lives," Ms Berry said.

"The ACT Government is working with people with disabilities, community leaders and business to build these homes. For example, we are partnering with Project Independence on two developments in Harrison and Latham to build homes for people with a disability where they will be able to acquire equity in the property and live as independently as possible."

(caption: Affordable housing experts, Ministers and business groups at the roundtable to discuss ways to provide housing for people with disability in Canberra.)

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