



Current Project Coverage 2000- Round 1, 2002

Purpose

This document is a reference document to be read in conjunction with *Research Agenda 2002*. It provides a 'snapshot' of the projects funded under the 2000 Research Agenda and 2001 Research Agenda, organised by research theme. Thirty-five projects were funded in 2000. Twenty-one projects were funded in 2001. Ten Projects have been funded in Round One, 2002 – these projects are marked 'NEW'. Where projects are of relevance to more than one Research Agenda theme this is noted below. Details of the policy issues and research outcomes sought under each research area can be found in *Research Agenda 2002*.

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(1) HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES

Research area (1.1) Housing: a whole of government perspective

Policy context

Government is seeking to better appreciate the contribution that housing and housing assistance interventions make to improving peoples' lives. There is a need for government to more fully understand the role that housing plays in the lives of individuals, households and communities, the consequences of poor or inadequate housing in terms of undesirable social and economic outcomes, and which attributes of housing and housing assistance make a difference to the quality of peoples' lives.

Number of projects

12

Current projects

Proj. No.	Res. Centre	Project Title and Brief Description
1	ANU	<i>Housing and its association with other life outcomes</i> Longitudinal survey analysis of how changes in housing situation impact on range of social well being outcomes (education, employment, family formation, social security receipt, etc)
2	ANU-Natsem	<i>Do housing conditions impact on health inequalities between Australia's rich and poor?</i> Analysis of National Health Surveys to measure impact of housing conditions upon health status. [PROJECT COMPLETED]
3	ANU-Natsem	<i>The whole of government lifetime benefits of investment in housing</i> Develops a lifetime framework and first estimates for a whole of government socio-economic cost benefit analysis of the provision of housing assistance.
4	Queensland	<i>An empirical examination of the relationship between housing systems and non-housing outcomes</i> Cross-sectional survey analysis of links between housing tenure and crime, health status, labour force participation, social exclusion, community cohesion, poverty, education. [PROJECT COMPLETED]
5	Southern	<i>Linkages among housing assistance, residential (re)location, and use of community health and social care by old-old adults: shelter and non-shelter implications for housing policy development</i> Longitudinal survey analysis of links between different forms of housing assistance and domains of health and psychological well being, and use of services, amongst old-old population. [PROJECT COMPLETED]
6	Southern	<i>The housing and other service needs of recently arrived immigrants: a whole of government perspective</i> Analysis of the Longitudinal Survey of Immigrants to Australia to investigate how housing and housing assistance affect the use of services and success in settlement.

Proj. No.	Res. Centre	Project Title and Brief Description
7	Swin-Mon	<i>Rent assistance and young people's decision making</i> Analysis of the impact of rent assistance and youth allowance on young people's decision making with respect to housing, education and employment. [PROJECT COMPLETED]
8	Sydney	<i>Housing assistance and non-shelter outcomes</i> Prospective longitudinal study of public and community housing tenants to assess impact on a range of non-shelter outcomes of the provision of in-kind housing assistance.
65	UNSW-UWS	<i>Housing, location and employment</i> Statistical analysis of FaCS Longitudinal Data Set examining the residential mobility of income support recipients to assess the impact of location characteristics and local labour market pool characteristics upon employment outcomes.
66	UNSW-UWS	<i>Welfare outcomes of migration of low income earners from metropolitan to non-metropolitan Australia</i> Survey of a sample of low income households in non-metropolitan NSW and SA examining motivations and trade-offs for residential mobility.
73	UNSW-UWS	<i>Housing costs, housing assistance and work disincentives: attitudes to work and employment decisions</i> Assesses the effect of housing costs, housing subsidy structures and administrative requirements on gaining employment by way of a tracking survey of short and long term unemployed in Vic and NSW, focus groups and microsimulation.
98	Sydney	<i>A distributional analysis of the impact of direct and indirect housing assistance</i> Distributional analysis of direct and indirect housing assistance from the Commonwealth budget, update of Yates and Flood 1986.

Research area (1.2) Housing tenure and management

Policy context

Governments require assessments of how different forms of housing assistance meet the differing needs of a range of population groups, and an understanding of the effects of specific forms of government funded housing assistance. This includes understanding the range of potential modes of delivering assistance, and the roles for different tenures in securing a range of housing outcomes.

Number of projects

16

Current projects

Proj. No.	Res. Centre	Project Title and Brief Description
10	Southern	<i>The implications of changes in the labour market for the ownership aspirations, housing opportunities and characteristics of first home buyers</i> Survey of first home buyers who have bought in SA in last 2 years, to determine buyer profile in terms of employment, expectations and attitudes to job security, and how this has influenced their home purchase

Proj. No.	Res. Centre	Project Title and Brief Description
11	Swin-Mon	<i>The location and housing needs of sole parents</i> Analysis of Centrelink Family payment files, Child Support Agency client data Census records to establish an up to date (1999) profile of the pattern of movement of sole parents in Australia. [PROJECT COMPLETED]
12	Swin-Mon	<i>Sole parents, social well being and housing assistance</i> Primary data collection and analysis on reasons why some sole parent households choose public housing and others rent assistance, and examination of sole parents' longer term housing and lifecycle aspirations. [PROJECT COMPLETED]
33	Queensland	<i>Tenure security and its impact on private renters in Queensland</i> Empirical investigation of private renter household mobility and of role of security of tenure in this mobility.
38	Western	<i>Residential location outcomes of assisted home purchasers compared with public and private renters</i> Compares residential location decisions and consequent access to key services (employment, education, health, etc) for home purchase assistance households, Commonwealth Rent Assistance recipients and public tenants in Perth.
49	Swin-Mon	<i>Demand subsidies for private renters: a comparative review</i> International review of housing demand subsidies for private renters in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the US.
87	Western	<i>Falling through the net? A risk management model for home ownership support schemes</i> Economic risk management model for home ownership support schemes for economically marginal households including Indigenous households.
88	Western	<i>A microsimulation model of the Australian housing market with applications to Commonwealth and State policy initiatives</i> Model that measures impacts of Commonwealth and State housing assistance (and Commonwealth income support) on prices households pay for housing, accounting for demand and supply side factors.
94	Queensland	<i>Tenancy databases in the context of tenure management: Risk minimisation and tenant outcomes in the private rental sector</i> Examination of risk management practices in private rental sector including tenant databases and their impacts on outcomes for tenants.
107	Swin-Mon	<i>Analysis of expenditure patterns and levels of household indebtedness of public and private rental households, 1975-1999</i> Tracking over time and comparison of housing and other consumption expenditure patterns of public and private housing tenants.
110	UNSW-UWS	<i>The benefits of tenure diversification</i> Assessment of tenure diversification ('tenure mix') with regard to asset and housing management goals and broader non-shelter and community building outcomes.
118 NEW	Sydney	<i>Stakeholder requirements for enabling regulatory arrangements for community housing in Australia</i> Considers a range of regulatory models for the community housing sector.
138 NEW	Swin-Mon	<i>Independent Living Units provided for not-for-profit organisations: clarifying their current and future role as an affordable housing option for older people with low assets and low incomes</i>
141 NEW	Swin-Mon	<i>Allocating Social Housing</i> Analysis of social housing allocations systems in use in Australia and overseas to identify new approaches and to develop a framework for reviewing current allocations systems.

Proj. No.	Res. Centre	Project Title and Brief Description
142 NEW	Swin-Mon	<i>Entering Rental Housing</i> Surveys of households entering social housing and of rent assisted private renters to provide data on client aspirations and needs in the two major forms of housing assistance in Australia.
147 NEW	NATSEM	<i>Regional Impact of Rent Assistance</i> Development of a microsimulation model to analyse at small area level the performance of Commonwealth Rent Assistance.

Research area (1.3) Evaluation methods

Policy context

There are two issues here: facilitating the use of appropriate evaluation methods, and developing new methods where there are identified gaps in the suite of available evaluation tools.

Number of projects

2

Current projects

Proj. No.	Res. Centre	Project Title and Brief Description
13	Sydney	<i>Comparative assessment of housing evaluation methods: evaluating the economic, health and social impacts of housing</i> Develops a comprehensive housing assistance evaluation approach appropriate for assessing the impact of housing on social, health and economic well being.
96	RMIT	<i>Risk Management and Efficient Housing Assistance Provision: A New Methodology</i> Evaluation tool for assessing systematic risks on subsidy costs of different housing assistance options that will determine the most cost effective assistance options and combinations of options.

See also, project:

37 Developing indicators for evaluation of housing support programmes in Indigenous communities.

(2) HOUSING FUTURES

Research area (2.1) The future environment for housing policy

Policy context

The policy outcome that government seeks is identification of directions and forms of future policy and assistance delivery environments, understanding of the impacts of government policy on future social, economic, and demographic patterns, and identification of future roles for government in terms of housing and broader social policy.

Number of projects

3

Current projects

Proj. No.	Res. Centre	Project Title and Brief Description
14	ANU	<i>Medium and long term projections of housing needs in Australia</i> Accurate and timely medium term (10 years) and long term (30 years) projections of future housing requirements to small area level.
15	UNSW-UWS	<i>Deinstitutionalisation and housing futures</i> Documents the housing futures of the intellectually and physically disabled based on analysis of forward plans for deinstitutionalisation. [PROJECT COMPLETED]
81	ANU	<i>Explanations of changes in housing tenure in Australia</i> Analyses longitudinal survey data to understand the changing dynamic of housing careers and contemporary life courses.

Research area (2.2) Housing aspirations

Policy context

People's housing needs – and the nature of appropriate industry and policy responses – are strongly conditioned by their housing aspirations. These aspirations vary. They vary between groups in the population across life courses, and over time. Good information on the extent and pattern of these varying aspirations is important for the housing industry and for the design of appropriate housing policy.

Number of projects

2

Current projects

Proj. No.	Res. Centre	Project Title and Brief Description
16	ANU	<i>Outcomes of home ownership aspirations and their determinants</i> Analysis of longitudinal data examining home ownership aspirations and the extent to which they have been realised three years later (1997-2000). [PROJECT COMPLETED]

Proj. No.	Res. Centre	Project Title and Brief Description
17	Queensland	<i>Housing aspirations and preferences among Australian households</i> Cohort analysis of changes in housing aspirations and the implications of these for housing assistance.

Research area (2.3) Short-term housing prospects

Policy context

Regular information on short-term housing prospects was a key product from the former Indicative Planning Council for the Housing Industry. It provided a source of information on short-term factors affecting supply and demand for housing. The focus was on the information needs of the housing industry, though it was also of clear relevance for housing policy in general. Since the demise of the IPC, this information gap has only partly been filled from other sources.

Number of projects

1

Current projects

Proj. No.	Res. Centre	Project Title and Brief Description
32	Southern	<i>Short term housing projections</i> Through focus groups with producers and consumers of short term housing projections, assesses the scope for AHURI to play a role in this field. [PROJECT COMPLETED]

(3) PROGRAMME INTEGRATION AND HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Research area (3.1) Housing assistance linkages

Policy context

The policy outcome that government seeks is identifying how housing and other assistance areas can be linked in delivering assistance, and how concepts like place management can be utilised to achieve greater integration and improved overall outcomes.

Number of projects

5

Current projects

Proj. No.	Res. Centre	Project Title and Brief Description
18	Swin-Mon	<i>Effective programme linkages: an examination of current knowledge with a particular emphasis on people with mental illness</i> Literature review, key informant interview and case study (Victoria) analysis of housing and other service integration for people with mental illness. [PROJECT COMPLETED]
19	Sydney	<i>Housing and care for older and younger adults with disabilities</i> Analysis of ABS 1998 Disability, Ageing and Carers Survey to provide national profile of housing and care of older and younger adults with disabilities – housing circumstances and assistance, use of community services, and met and unmet needs. [PROJECT COMPLETED]
20	UNSW-UWS	<i>Evaluating the Miller foyer pilot project</i> Longitudinal project to evaluate the pilot of an innovative model of providing accommodation and employment training for unemployed and homeless young people.
102	Swin-Mon	<i>Linkages between housing and support – what is important from the perspective of people living with mental illness</i> Examines the views and experiences of people living with mental illness on their housing and other services with regard to what contributes to sustainable tenancies, independent living and stable housing.
111	UNSW-UWS	<i>Linkages between housing, policing and other interventions for crime and harassment reduction on public housing estates</i> Empirical investigation of links between community renewal and crime reduction in NSW, Qld and SA.

See also, projects:

5 Linkages among housing assistance, residential (re)location, and use of community health and social care by old-old adults: shelter and non-shelter implications for housing policy development

6 The housing and other service needs of recently arrived immigrants: a whole of government perspective

25 Community housing management and stronger communities

26 Resident participation, social cohesion and sustainability in neighbourhood renewal: developing best practice models

27 Strengthening communities: the contribution of housing policy and planning

- 37 *Developing indicators for evaluation of housing support programmes in Indigenous communities*
- 48 *A comparative study of housing needs and provisions for recently-arrived refugees*
- 56 *Heroin users, housing and social participation: attacking social exclusion through better housing*
- 68 *Ex-prisoners and accommodation: what bearing do different forms of housing have on social reintegration?*
- 72 *Predictors of housing vulnerability and incipient homelessness: the case of psychiatric patients living in the community*
- 109 *On the Margins? Housing risk among caravan park residents*

(4) INNOVATION IN THE PROVISION OF HOUSING

Research area (4.1) Housing assistance funding and financing

Policy context

The policy outcome that government seeks is to identify how housing assistance can be best and most appropriately delivered, including potential mechanisms for private sector investment in low cost housing, how to overcome barriers to greater private sector involvement, and the policy levers that could be used by government to increase private sector involvement in lower cost housing provision.

Number of projects

4

Current projects

Proj. No.	Res. Centre	Project Title and Brief Description
21	RMIT	<i>New approaches to expanding the supply of affordable housing in Australia: an increasing role for the private sector</i> Deals with the challenge of achieving greater private sector involvement in the financing of affordable housing.
22	Swin-Mon	<i>A private investment vehicle for the community housing sector</i> Aims to identify an appropriate financial product and vehicle for raising retail private finance for investment in community housing. Collaboration with Macquarie Bank.
23	Western	<i>Fundamental tax reform and its impact on alternative providers of rental housing</i> Measures the impact of fundamental tax reform on rental housing costs and rents, including changes to capital gains tax, introduction of GST and changes to income tax rates and corporate tax provisions. [PROJECT COMPLETED]
99	Sydney	<i>Policy options for stimulating private sector involvement in affordable housing across Australia: operationalising and implementing viable new options</i> Develops affordable housing finance options to operational stage to satisfy line authority and Commonwealth and State Treasury requirements for public-private sector funding arrangements.

(5) URBAN MANAGEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Research area (5.1) Labour markets, housing markets and shifting metropolitan balance

Policy context

Government needs to understand the current and potential relationship and interaction between housing markets and labour markets, and the role that housing plays in facilitating or hindering labour market access.

Number of projects

2

Current projects

Proj. No.	Res. Centre	Project Title and Brief Description
24	Swin-Mon	<i>Labour market, housing market interdependence within metropolitan Australia: a case study of Melbourne</i> Analysis of Census travel to work and residential relocation data to examine links between local housing market and labour market trends. [PROJECT COMPLETED]
64	Sydney	<i>A spatial analysis of trends in housing markets and changing patterns of household structure and income</i> Provides a spatially disaggregated analysis of housing system change 1986-96 and examines the housing outcomes associated with such demographic, economic and social change.

See also, projects:

65 *Housing, location and employment*

66 *Welfare outcomes of migration of low income earners from metropolitan to non-metropolitan Australia*

73 *Housing costs, housing assistance and work disincentives: attitudes to work and employment decisions*

Research area (5.2) Housing and sustainable urban development

Policy context

The policy outcome that government seeks is the integration of the social objectives of housing assistance with economic and environmental objectives, so that housing assistance contributes to 'triple bottom line' sustainability.

Proj. No.	Res. Centre	Project Title and Brief Description
132 NEW	Sydney	<i>Housing policy and sustainable urban development: evaluating the use of local housing strategies in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria.</i> A critical evaluation of current local housing strategy implementation, identifying models of excellence and innovation.

Proj. No.	Res. Centre	Project Title and Brief Description
137	UNSW-UWS	<i>Affordability and Sustainability outcomes of 'Greenfield' suburban development and master planned communities – A case study approach using triple bottom line assessment.</i>

(6) TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

Research area (6.1) Strengthening communities

Policy context

How to design policy interventions that support communities in the ways that they most need assistance – different solutions are required for different communities – and of how to put in place programmes that can handle complex dimensions of need?

Number of projects

3

Current projects

Proj. No.	Res. Centre	Project Title and Brief Description
25	Sydney	<i>Community housing management and stronger communities</i> Through a series of linked workshops with stakeholders examines the contribution that community housing can make to strengthening communities.
26	UNSW-UWS	<i>Resident participation, social cohesion and sustainability in neighbourhood renewal: developing best practice models</i> Aims to explore the critical role played by effective community participation in ensuring the long-term sustainability of urban and neighbourhood renewal programs.
27	Western	<i>Strengthening communities: the contribution of housing policy and planning</i> Through case studies examines the contribution of housing and planning policy to the strengthening of communities.

Research area (6.2) Responding to regional disadvantage

Policy context

Global economic change and substantial demographic shifts continue to have significant effects upon particular regions depending upon their industrial history, natural assets and population structure. Some regions, for example tourism destinations, are apparently being advantaged. Other locations, such as older industrial regions and certain agricultural regions, appear to be disadvantaged. There is now a considerable record of policy interventions, at both Commonwealth and State level, that aimed to redress such regional disadvantages. Nevertheless the subject of regional disadvantage continues to attract ongoing public concern.

Number of projects

5

Current projects

Proj. No.	Res. Centre	Project Title and Brief Description
28	Southern	<i>Community development and the delivery of housing assistance in non-metropolitan Australia</i> Three case studies to gauge the feasibility of overseas models of policies to address regional disadvantage, specifically focussing on the role housing can play in helping distressed regions.
29	Sydney	<i>Housing assistance and regional disadvantage</i> Socio-economic analysis of the northern region of NSW, an audit of regional assistance policies (Commonwealth and State), economic appraisal of the case study region and examination of regional development and housing assistance program integration.
30	UNSW-UWS	<i>Responding to regional disadvantage: what can be learned from the European Union?</i> Literature review and analysis of EU regional assistance policies to examine relative merits of spatially targeted versus universalist support, the relevance of city-hinterland partnerships, and the housing policy components thereof. [PROJECT COMPLETED]
31	Western	<i>Rural housing, regional development and policy integration</i> Case study evaluations of the integration of housing policy in areas of regional disadvantage.
35	RMIT	<i>Community building in Melbourne</i> Through a case study of the western region of Melbourne examines the role of housing and urban policy in market-led regeneration of a traditionally deprived region.

Research area (6.3) Rural housing

Policy context

The policy outcome that government seeks is an understanding of how to respond to demand for housing assistance in rural and remote areas, and in particular the best ways of delivering assistance to people living in rural communities.

Number of projects

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See projects:

28 Community development and the delivery of housing assistance in non-metropolitan Australia

29 Housing assistance and regional disadvantage

31 Rural housing, regional development and policy integration

66 Welfare outcomes of migration of low income earners from metropolitan to non-metropolitan Australia.

(7) INDIGENOUS HOUSING

Research area (7.1) Indigenous housing

Policy context

The policy outcomes that governments seek are to:

better appreciate how housing and housing assistance interventions can improve indigenous peoples' lives

how different forms of housing assistance meet the differing needs of indigenous peoples

information on the extent and pattern of indigenous peoples housing aspirations

how housing and other assistance areas can be linked to achieve greater integration and improved overall outcomes for indigenous peoples

how to design policy interventions that support indigenous communities in the ways that they most need assistance.

Number of projects

2

Current projects

Proj. No.	Res. Centre	Project Title and Brief Description
37	Western	<i>Developing indicators for evaluation of housing support programs in indigenous communities.</i> Develops qualitative and quantitative indicators for measuring the impact of housing programs on a range of shelter and non-shelter outcomes within indigenous communities.
125 NEW	WA	<i>The effects of New Living on Indigenous community wellbeing: a case study on urban regeneration</i> Analysis of the impact of state public housing regeneration projects on Indigenous households in urban communities in Western Australia.

Research area (7.2) The Housing System

Policy context

The dynamic nature of housing supply and demand, the housing system, sits within a broader context of economic, social, political, cultural, environmental and demographic change. There is a need to have a linked understanding of how the nature of change in the housing system is affected by changes in labour markets, family and community life, cultural values and aspirations, environmental sustainability, etc

Number of projects

1

Current projects

Proj. No.	Res. Centre	Project Title and Brief Description
124	WA	<i>Indigenous Housing and governance: Lessons from case studies of remote communities in WA and NT</i> Survey of management and maintenance of remote area housing and infrastructure for indigenous communities.

(8) HOMELESSNESS AND MARGINAL HOUSING

Research area (8.1) Homelessness and marginal housing

Policy context

The policy outcome that government seeks is the identification of appropriate responses to homelessness that focus on the prevention of homelessness, providing assistance to those in housing crisis and at immediate risk of homelessness, helping the homeless to secure more stable housing solutions, and importantly ensuring that interventions make a lasting difference.

Number of projects

6

Current projects

Proj. No.	Res. Centre	Project Title and Brief Description
48	Southern	<i>A comparative study of housing needs and provisions for recently-arrived refugees</i> Investigates and compares the housing experiences of Temporary Protection Visa refugees and Permanent Protection Visa refugees in Adelaide, Brisbane and Perth
56	RMIT	<i>Heroin users, housing and social participation: attacking social exclusion through better housing</i> Examines the links between housing circumstances, homelessness and illicit drug use through intensive fieldwork Fitzroy-Collingwood, Geelong and Fairfield-Cabramatta.
68	UNSW-UWS	<i>Ex-prisoners and accommodation: what bearing do different forms of housing have on social reintegration?</i> Longitudinal survey of the short term housing careers of ex-prisoners and analysis of the impact of housing circumstances on social re-integration.
72	UNSW-UWS	<i>Predictors of housing vulnerability and incipient homelessness: the case of psychiatric patients living in the community</i> Provides a framework for the understanding of, and development of policy responses to, housing vulnerability and incipient homelessness through conceptual development, and empirical examination of psychiatric patients living in the community.
109	UNSW-UWS	<i>On the Margins? Housing risk among caravan park residents</i> Empirical examination of caravan parks and their residents to identify homelessness risk factors and identify early intervention strategies.
135 NEW	UNSW-UWS	<i>Housing Options and Independent Living: Sustainable Outcomes for Older People who are homeless</i> An analysis of pathways out of homelessness for older people, with a focus on identifying which housing assistance options are achieving sustainable positive outcomes for this group.

Research area (9) *The dynamics and drivers of supply and demand*

Policy context

The policy outcome that government seeks is a sophisticated understanding of the dynamics and drivers of the housing system, particularly as it relates to housing assistance and other aspects of regulation and assistance.

Number of projects

0