



Affordability and liveability in our cities

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre - 29 June 2017

**AHURI** Australian Housing and  
Urban Research Institute

# PROGRAM

**8:00am**      **Registration and refreshments**

**9:00am**      **Welcome by Conference Host**

**Tony De Domenico**, Chairman, AHURI Limited

**9:15am**      **Welcome to Victoria & Plenary Address**

**Hon Tim Pallas MP**, Treasurer of Victoria

Treasurer Pallas led the development of Victoria's recently released the *Homes for Victorians* housing strategy and the State's new 30 year state-wide infrastructure strategy has included social and affordable housing as one of its top three priorities.

**9:45am**      **Plenary address**

**Hon Angus Taylor MP**, Assistant Minister for Cities and Digital Transformation

Minister Taylors' portfolios stretch across the whole of government to improve city liveability and tackle long standing issues of traffic congestion, housing affordability and the need to create jobs closer to where people live. He has a focus on regional cities and outer suburban cities.

**10:15am**      Morning tea break

**10:40am**      **How can housing policies unlock economic growth in our cities?**

This session will discuss the four key channels through which housing policies affect labour force participation and economic growth – housing supply responsiveness, consumption, mobility and employment decisions.

Professor Ong ViforJ will present key findings from the final report from the AHURI Inquiry into housing policies, labour force participation and economic growth.

*Facilitator*

**Dr Michael Fotheringham**, Deputy Executive Director, AHURI Limited

*Presenter*

**Professor Rachel Ong ViforJ**, Curtin University

*Panel Members*

**Dr David Prentice**, Principal Economic Advisor, Infrastructure Victoria

**Mary Cavar**, Executive Manager, Productivity Commission

**Nicki Hutley**, Director & Chief Economist, Urbis

*Presentation will be followed by a panel discussion and audience Q&A*

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**12:10pm** Lunch

**1:00pm** **City Deals and affordable housing**

What is a City Deal? An overview of the UK City Deals and in-depth analysis of the new Australian model currently being developed in a number of regional cities, and the role of affordable housing within these deals.

Speakers:

**Meredith Sussex AM**, Board Director, AHURI Limited (facilitator)

**Professor Duncan Maclellan**, Visiting Professorial Fellow associated with City Futures Research Centre, University of New South Wales

**Oliver Richards**, Assistant Secretary - Cities Economics Branch, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Lindy Deitz**, General Manager, Campbelltown City Council

**David Waldren**, Head of Planning, Design and Development, Grocon

**Dr Tim Williams**, Chief Executive Officer, The Committee For Sydney

*Presentations followed by a panel discussion and audience Q&A*

**2:30pm** Afternoon tea

**2:55pm** **Liveability in our cities**

How is affordable housing being developed to support the productivity, liveability and sustainability of our cities?

Speakers:

**Dr Ian Winter**, Executive Director, AHURI Limited (facilitator)

**Ruth Spielman**, Executive Officer, National Growth Areas Alliance

**Charles Northcote**, Chief Executive Officer, BlueCHP Limited

**Michael Buchan**, General Manager - Property Management, Renewal SA

**Professor Peter Newton**, Swinburne University of Technology

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**4:25pm** Conference close - Dr Ian Winter, Executive Director, AHURI Limited

**4:30pm** **Conference concludes**

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