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Launching the National Homelessness Conference 2018 – Ending homelessness together

With the Australian Government finalising the new National Housing and Homelessness Agreement and the imminent release of up-to-date Census data on homelessness, the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI), in partnership with Homelessness Australia are pleased to convene the National Homelessness Conference 2018.

Under the theme 'Ending homelessness together', the Conference will bring together policy makers and practitioners from across Australia as well as international and local expert speakers to focus not only on current policy and practice but on how we can collaborate and commit to ending homelessness at a national, state and local level.

Conference delegates will engage with a broad range of issues related to homelessness, including housing models that end homelessness; responding to the causes of homelessness such as domestic and family violence; specialist support for working with clients with disability, mental health issues and people leaving custody; outcomes reporting; social and affordable housing policy; and financial inclusion.

'Homelessness Australia and AHURI are delighted to invite all in the homelessness sector to join us at this major national event and be part of this exciting forum that will assist in delivering action to end homelessness,' said Dr Michael Fotheringham, Executive Director of AHURI.

'This Conference, an important collaboration between AHURI and Homelessness Australia, comes at the most opportune time. Australia is at a crossroads in terms of taking action that provides solutions to the increasing levels of homelessness being experienced across Australia. The Conference provides an opportunity for policy makers and practitioners to shape what this action should be,' said Ms Katherine McKernan, Acting Chair, Homelessness Australia.

The National Homelessness Conference 2018 – Ending homelessness together, will be held in Melbourne on Mon 6 and Tue 7 August as part of Homelessness Week 2018.

For registrations, please visit the AHURI website, www.ahuri.edu.au

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