

**2017–18**

# Policy Impact Statement





# Introduction

AHURI informs and influences policy development on housing, homelessness, cities and related urban issues through the delivery and dissemination of relevant and authoritative research.

We understand the importance of effective dissemination and robust engagement with our research findings. We assess the impact of our research through six key measures:

1

**REACH OF RESEARCH**

2

**CITATIONS IN KEY POLICY DOCUMENTS**

3

**MEDIA MENTIONS OF AHURI**

4

**ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES AND EVENTS**

5

**CASE STUDIES OF POLICY IMPACT**

6

**SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT**

This Policy Impact Statement provides a summary of our performance across these criteria as well as providing an overview of our research, engagement and policy development activities for the 2017-18 Financial Year.

## POLICY IMPACT SUMMARY



**496,058**

Website visits



**88,608**

Research report views



**285**

Media citations



**193**

Policy citations in 34 key policy documents



**1,262**

Delegates across 2 events in 2 cities



**6,306**

Followers across AHURI's social media platforms

# Research

## RESEARCH ON STRATEGIC POLICY ISSUES

AHURI research leading to the advancement of knowledge is delivered through a suite of Evidence-Based Policy Inquiries, which focus on national priorities for housing, homelessness, cities and urban policy.

In 2017-18, four Inquiries were completed:

- ✓ **Inquiry into increasing affordable housing supply: Evidence-based principles and strategies for Australian policy and practice**
- ✓ **Inquiry into social impact investment for housing and homelessness outcomes**
- ✓ **The future of the private rental sector**
- ✓ **Pathways to housing tax reform**

## RESEARCH PUBLISHED

In 2017-18 AHURI published 15 new research reports that were viewed over 88,000 times.

**88,608**

Research report views



**15**

Peer-reviewed research reports published

## CASE STUDY: AHURI INTRODUCES POLICY EVIDENCE SUMMARY



In 2017-18, AHURI introduced the Policy Evidence Summary series as a companion to the Final Report series. These clear language summaries distil the essential information and findings from AHURI research reports and presents them in an accessible and abbreviated format, with infographics and tables. The summaries have been of particular benefit to practitioners and policy makers who rely on AHURI research.

## OUR RESEARCH PARTNERS

AHURI oversees a national independent research network, where research leading to the advancement of knowledge is conducted by university partners across Australia.



# Engagement

AHURI's public engagement in 2017-18 featured the 10th National Housing Conference in Sydney as well as a major one-day conference in May 2018.

## NATIONAL HOUSING CONFERENCE 2017



**1148**  
delegates



**180**  
speakers



**35**  
Sessions



**68**  
Sponsors and exhibitors



**3,130**  
audience poll responses

“ AHURI really is one of Australia's great public institutions connecting the best academic researchers with practitioners and policy makers... as a result public policy is undoubtedly better informed by evidence and research is better directed at primary policy problems.”



**Michael Coutts-Trotter, Director-General, New South Wales Department of Family and Community Services**

1 December 2017 at the National Housing Conference 2017 in Sydney

## CASE STUDY: AHURI INQUIRY IN THE MEDIA



The AHURI Inquiry into 'Increasing affordable housing supply' gained widespread discussion in Australian and International media. As reports from the Inquiry were published, key media such as The Australian, ABC, Fairfax and The Guardian highlighted research findings. The report also prompted

statements from peak bodies including the Property Council of Australia and the Planning Institute of Australia.

## OUR NON-GOVERNMENT PARTNERS

AHURI holds key partnerships in the private and not-for-profit sectors through our Inquiry Panels, Professional Services and major conferences. 2017-18 partners included:



# Policy

## KEY POLICY CITATIONS

AHURI's contribution to policy development spans the government, not-for-profit consultancy and private sectors. In 2017-18, AHURI was cited 193 times in 34 key policy documents.

Organisations that cited AHURI included:

- + The Reserve Bank of Australia
- + The Productivity Commission
- + Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet
- + Australian Treasury
- + Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
- + New South Wales Federation of Housing Associations
- + Tenants Union of NSW
- + Mission Australia
- + Anglicare

# 193

Policy citations in



# 34

key policy documents

“By definition, AHURI's work lends itself to technical discussions about housing policy. It's an extremely valuable body for us policy makers, a great source of evidence and a regular reference point for the ACT government as we finalise a new housing strategy...”



**Yvette Berry MLA ACT, Minister for Housing and Suburban Development**

29 May 2018 at AHURI one-day conference—Ready for growth: affordable housing supply solutions

## OUR GOVERNMENT PARTNERS

AHURI integrates evidence building and policy development via a collaborative process with Australian and state and territory government partners.



## CONTACT US

---

### Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute

Level 1  
114 Flinders Street  
Melbourne Victoria 3000

**T** +61 3 9660 2300

**E** [information@ahuri.edu.au](mailto:information@ahuri.edu.au)

[ahuri.edu.au](http://ahuri.edu.au)



[twitter.com/AHURI\\_Research](https://twitter.com/AHURI_Research)



[facebook.com/AHURI.AUS](https://facebook.com/AHURI.AUS)



Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute