

**2016–17**

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# Policy Impact Statement



# Introduction

Research funded through AHURI on housing, homelessness and related urban issues contributes actively to national policy development.

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

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**REACH OF RESEARCH**

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**CITATIONS IN KEY POLICY DOCUMENTS**

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**MEDIA MENTIONS OF AHURI**

4

**ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES AND EVENTS**

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**CASE STUDIES OF POLICY IMPACT**

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**SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT**

This Policy Impact Statement provides a summary of our performance across these criteria as well as an overview of our research, events and engagement activities for the 2016–17 Financial Year.

## POLICY IMPACT SUMMARY



**383,574**

Website visits



**82,892**

Research report views



**316**

Media mentions of AHURI



**183**

Policy citations in 43 key policy documents



**836**

Delegates at 5 AHURI events in 4 cities



**5,063**

followers across AHURI's social media platforms



# Policy

## CASE STUDY: BOND AGGREGATOR



In the 2017–18 Federal Budget, Treasurer Scott Morrison announced the creation of an affordable housing bond aggregator, the National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation (NHFIC), to raise money at lower rates from the wholesale bond market for not-for-profit community housing providers.

The NHFIC is informed by AHURI research into bond aggregator models presented in a report from the Affordable

Housing Working Group to Federal, state and territory Treasurers as part of the Council on Federal Financial Relations in late 2016. The final details of the NHFIC will be determined following advice from the Affordable Housing Implementation Taskforce, with the Corporation to commence operations on 1 July 2018.

“ Through the development of the new 10-year Housing Strategy, my department has been working with AHURI and this new funding commitment will ensure we are contributing to and have access to the most up-to-date and informative research available”



**Hon Mick de Brenni MP, Queensland Minister for Housing and Public Works**

3 November 2016, on Queensland's reinvestment in the National Housing Research Program

## KEY POLICY CITATIONS

AHURI research contributes significantly to policy development with its research being referenced widely in government and key organisation reports.



**183**

Policy citations in



**43**

key policy documents

In 2016–17, organisations that cited AHURI research in key policy documents included:

- + Australian Government Council on Federal Financial Relations
- + House of Representatives Standing Committee on Economics
- + Senate Committee on Economics
- + Productivity Commission
- + Australian Parliamentary Library
- + Infrastructure Victoria
- + NSW Government
- + Mission Australia

# Research

## RESEARCH ON STRATEGIC POLICY ISSUES

AHURI research is delivered through a suite of Evidence-Based Policy Inquiries, which focus on strategic priorities for national housing, homelessness and urban issues. AHURI facilitates regular and active engagement with key stakeholders in the development of research priorities, and in the research process through participation of senior government officials on AHURI Inquiry panels. In 2016-17, four Inquiries were completed:

			
<b>Property transfer methodologies</b>	<b>Affordable housing industry capacity</b>	<b>Housing policies, labour force participation and economic growth</b>	<b>Funding and delivery of programs to reduce homelessness</b>

## RESEARCH PUBLISHED

AHURI's Evidence-Based Policy Inquiries culminate in the publishing of peer-reviewed research reports on the AHURI website. In 2016-17 AHURI published 21 new research reports and its reports were viewed over 82,000 times.



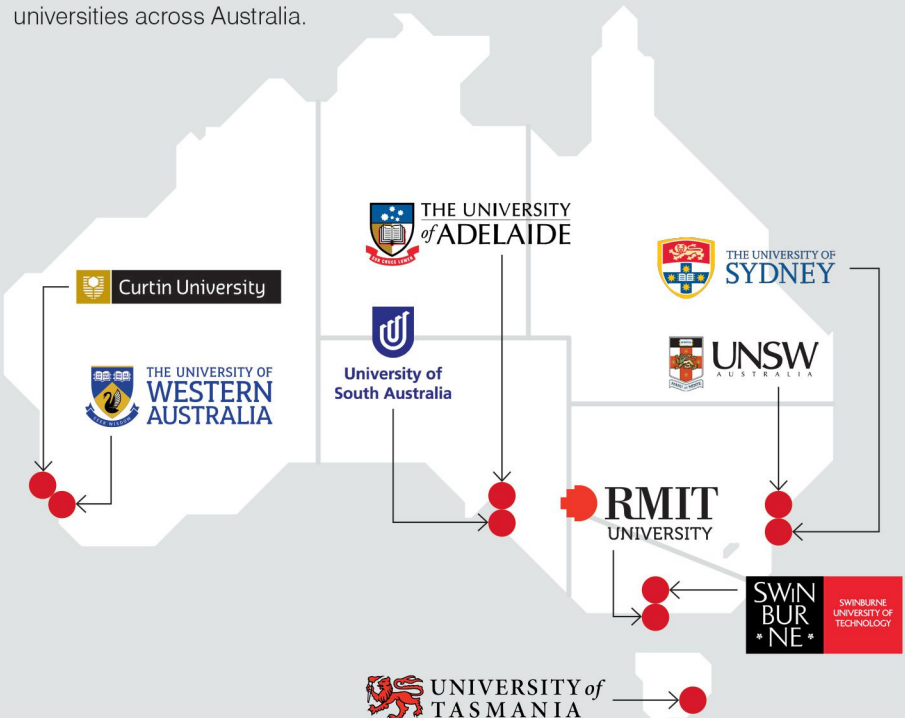
**82,892**  
Research report views



**21**  
Peer-reviewed Research reports published

## RESEARCH NETWORK

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



# Engagement

## EVENTS

AHURI continues to be a leader in creating engaging, policy relevant and well attended conferences and events. During 2016-17, AHURI convened events in Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney. Over 800 delegates from a broad range of sectors attended an AHURI event and satisfaction with the events program is consistently high.



**836**  
delegates



**53**  
speakers



**5**  
AHURI events



**4** cities



average delegate rating

## CASE STUDY: TREASURER'S ADDRESS

Federal Treasurer Scott Morrison delivered a pre-budget address on housing affordability hosted by AHURI at the State Library in Melbourne on Monday 10 April. The speech focused not only on affordability challenges to do with home ownership, but also the difficulties faced by Australians in the rental market, particularly those in social and affordable housing. The event was attended by 200 delegates and was extensively covered by media, including being broadcast live on ABC News 24.

“ AHURI has been an important contributor to the housing policy debate for many years and I have long respected AHURI's work... It is sound, good, well researched work, which is very important for the processes of government.”



**Hon Scott Morrison MP, Federal Treasurer**

10 April 2017, Federal Treasurer's Address on Housing Affordability, Melbourne

## EDITORIAL PROGRAM

As part of a commitment to supporting policy development, AHURI produces an ongoing editorial program that draws from the AHURI evidence base and engages with the latest housing, homelessness and urban policy issues.

### Most read items

- 1 What is a bond aggregator and how does it help build affordable housing?
- 2 Delivering services for people at risk of homelessness
- 3 What is in the 2017-18 Budget for housing and homelessness?
- 4 Are rising house prices good for the economy?
- 5 Understanding Inclusionary zoning

## MEDIA ENGAGEMENT



**316**

media citations across  
the financial year

AHURI is a leading voice in the public discussion on housing, homelessness and urban issues. Throughout the year, AHURI research was cited on a daily basis across a range of national television and radio programs as well as mainstream and industry specific news media.

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