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**POLICY IMPACT
STATEMENT
2019-2020**

INTRODUCTION ■

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

The dissemination of, and robust engagement with, our research findings is reflected through a range of key measures including:

1. Website engagement
2. Media engagement
3. Attendance at conferences, events and webinars
4. Case studies of policy impact
5. Social media engagement
6. Email newsletter engagement

This Policy Impact Statement provides a summary of our performance across these criteria as well as providing an overview of our research, events and policy development activities for the 2019-20 Financial Year.

WEBSITE VISITS

512,988



RESEARCH REPORT VIEWS

76,035



MEDIA MENTIONS

450



POLICY ISSUES ANALYSES AND
AHURI BRIEFS PUBLISHED

39



DELEGATES AT AHURI EVENTS

1,260



WEBINAR ATTENDEES

1,120



AHURI NEWS SUBSCRIBERS

15,140



SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS

9,181





RESEARCH REPORTS PUBLISHED

15

RESEARCH REPORT VIEWS

76,035



Research on strategic policy issues

AHURI research is delivered through a suite of Inquiries and standalone projects that focus on strategic priorities for national housing, cities and urban issues. Fifteen reports were published during the financial year on a broad range of topics including:

- An effective homelessness services system
- Improving housing and service responses to domestic and family violence for Indigenous individuals and families
- Social housing exit points, outcomes and future pathways
- Australian home ownership: past reflections, future directions
- Effective downsizing options for older Australians

RESEARCH



COVID-19 Research Agenda

The coronavirus pandemic has impacted every part of society, but the impact on Australia's housing system formed the basis for the launch of AHURI's COVID-19 Research Agenda — eight priority research projects to help governments at all levels make the best housing policy decisions during and following the coronavirus pandemic.

The fast tracked research to be delivered in late 2020 examines topics across the housing continuum including the impact on renters and landlords, housing affordability stress during COVID-19 and modelling pandemic housing policy responses.

“Having the best and most up-to-date research findings will enable governments at all levels to develop policies that support Australians during and beyond the pandemic, and help deliver safe, secure and affordable housing for all.”

Dr Michael Fotheringham
Executive Director
AHURI

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Major conference partners



COMMUNITY HOUSING LTD
GROUP OF COMPANIES



PROGRAMMED



EVENT: **Housing: the foundation for mental health**

Wednesday, 19 February 2020

This one day conference held in Sydney was convened in partnership with Mind Australia based on the Trajectories research project.

DELEGATES

160

EVENTS ■

National Housing Conference 2019

27-30 August

The National Housing Conference 2019 held in Darwin (27 to 30 August) to a sold-out audience of more than 1,100 delegates presented a comprehensive, informative program; incredible insights into Indigenous culture in the NT and beyond, and a series of memorable networking events in some of Darwin's most iconic locations.

Across the range of plenary, major and minor concurrent sessions the program tackled issues including Australia's fast growing, yet fragmenting private rental market; housing choices for the growing cohort of older women facing homelessness; regulation of the community housing sector, and alternative models and pathways to home ownership.

DELEGATES

1,100

SPEAKERS

190

SESSIONS

34



WEBINARS

3

ATTENDEES

1,120

SATISFACTION RATE

4.3/5

Research Webinar Series

In April 2020, with public events on-hold as a result of coronavirus, AHURI launched the Research Webinar Series to ensure ongoing dissemination and engagement with new research findings. The first webinar, *Redesigning the system to reduce youth homelessness* was fully booked within a week of launch.

The Research Webinar Series is an opportunity for AHURI researchers to present the key findings from their work before industry representatives and delegates can respond to the research and ask questions of the author. Subsequent topics explored home ownership in Australia and an examination of apartment living for low-income Australians.

POLICY ■

Celebrating 20 Years of AHURI

In December 2019, a '20 Years of AHURI' commemorative publication was released, celebrating two decades of research, policy engagement, public events and research capacity building.

As a unique partnership between the Commonwealth and state and territory governments and an Australia-wide network of university partners, AHURI has delivered vital research and insights that have guided governments and shaped community thinking. Over 20 years it has built a vast and informative evidence-base and advanced knowledge of housing, homelessness and urban issues.

The centrepiece of the booklet is a timeline charting some of the key milestones over the last 20 years, from the commencement of flagship research programs, to the impacts of AHURI research on government policy and programs.

Developing the Cities and Urban Research Agenda

In further pursuing our strategic goal to inform and influence cities policy, planning and practice, AHURI has forged links with key policy working groups, attended at presented at industry events and continued work on the inaugural projects from the Cities Funding Round 2019-20. In the financial year, we contributed to:

- Planning Institute of Australia National Congress
- Federal Government's Cities Reference Group
- Infrastructure Australia industry consultation on Australian Government's work in cities
- Urban Futures Sector Research Advisory Group
- State of Australian Cities Conference



Professional Services

AHURI's Professional Services team continues to provide bespoke research solutions for a range of clients. In the 2019-20 year, some of our significant projects included:

- **Overcrowding and severe overcrowding: an analysis of literature, data, policies and programs** for NSW Department of Communities and Justice
- **Evaluation of the Queensland Community Rent Scheme (in partnership with Q Shelter)** for the Queensland Department of Housing and Public Works
- **Review of the National Regulatory System for Community Housing (national program of consultations)** for the Federal Department of Social Services and NSW Department of Communities and Justice

Our Government partners



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Communities

“... the (National Housing) Conference will continue to flesh out and bring new insights that will be very helpful to us as a Government and to state governments and local governments to ensure we don't just put a roof over someone's head, but they have a home.”

Hon Scott Morrison MP

Prime Minister of Australia

27 August 2019 (video address to NHC 2019)

“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.”

Yvette Berry MLA

Minister for Housing and Suburban Development, ACT Government

2019 (20 Years of AHURI publication)



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