

2018-19

Policy Impact Statement



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

REACH OF
RESEARCH

2

MEDIA MENTIONS
OF AHURI

3

ATTENDANCE AT
CONFERENCES
AND EVENTS

4

CASE STUDIES
OF POLICY IMPACT

5

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 2018-19 Financial Year.

POLICY IMPACT SUMMARY



503,640

Website visits



79,873

Research report views



265

Media mentions



20

Policy Issues
Analyses and AHURI
Briefs published



1,331

Delegates across 6
events in 5 cities



7,606

Total followers of AHURI's
social media platforms

Research

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.

Completed research Inquiries:

- ✓ Social housing as infrastructure: rationale, prioritisation and investment pathway
- ✓ The potential of new technologies to disrupt housing policy

Completed standalone projects:

- ✓ The changing geography of homelessness: a spatial analysis from 2001 to 2016
- ✓ Understanding Specialist Disability Accommodation funding

RESEARCH PUBLISHED

In 2018-19 AHURI published 17 new research reports.

17

Research reports published



79,873

Research report views

CASE STUDY: AHURI develops integrated understanding of mental health, housing and homelessness support systems



AHURI's Professional Services team was commissioned for two substantial research projects that helped develop new understandings of the complex relationship between mental health, housing and homelessness. The first project, undertaken for the National Mental Health Commission, provided evidence on Australia's housing and mental health support systems and the integration required to provide more and better housing services for people with lived experience of mental ill health.

The second project, Trajectories, is a national study currently underway in partnership with Mind Australia. Through nationwide consultations and evidence building, the project is mapping the mental health pathways of people with lived experience of mental ill health, the interaction of these pathways, and the potential points of intervention identified through this understanding.

OUR RESEARCH PARTNERS



Engagement

AHURI's public engagement in 2018-19 featured the relaunching of the National Homelessness Conference in partnership with Homelessness Australia—a two day summit that brought together homelessness support providers, policy makers, and those with lived experience to focus on ending homelessness in Australia. AHURI also expanded its event programming in 2018-19 with the introduction of the AHURI Discussion Series—90 minute panel discussions based around the latest research, held in a number of cities around Australia.

NATIONAL HOMELESSNESS CONFERENCE



“ We look forward to a continuing relationship with AHURI... as we work on the development of new planning policies that are informed by the best thinking, the newest ideas and the current realities that we’re measuring and feeling on the ground here in Tasmania ”

Hon Roger Jaensch MP, Minister for Housing, Tasmania

Tuesday 4 December 2018 at the AHURI One-day conference —
Disrupting the housing market.



CASE STUDY: AHURI leads international study tour to Canada



The AHURI international study tour provided an immersive opportunity for Australian housing policy makers and researchers to learn from Canada's policy and practice reforms. Canada's similar federated government structure, housing system and Indigenous housing challenges provides interesting parallels and lessons for Australian housing and homelessness policy development. Study tour participants attended briefings from senior government and community sector representatives across Canada. The connections forged have helped foster ongoing international links with leading housing policy officials.

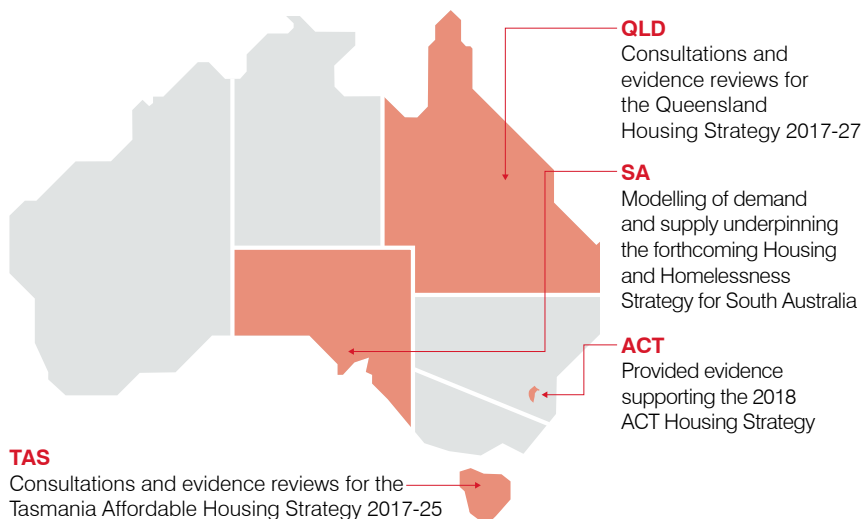
OUR NON-GOVERNMENT PARTNERS



Policy

CASE STUDY: AHURI informs the development of state housing strategies

AHURI's Professional Services team has contributed to the development of housing strategies for Queensland, the ACT, Tasmania and South Australia. These projects involved modelling, stakeholder consultations, evidence building and analysis to develop an understanding of the key issues and policy development options available.



DEVELOPING POLICY RESPONSES FOR AUSTRALIA'S GROWING CITIES

Australia is a highly urbanised country, and the great economic growth of our cities has seen an increased demand for infrastructure, transport and housing. As our cities continue to grow, there is a critical need for an evidence-base to underpin policy responses at all levels of government. In 2018–19, AHURI strengthened its commitment to cities research and policy, releasing a new Strategic Plan, including the AHURI Cities Research Agenda, featuring five inaugural research projects.

Forthcoming Cities Research Agenda projects:

- + Local Government Co-ordination: Metropolitan Governance in Twenty-first Century Australia
- + Innovative responses to urban transportation: current practice in Australian Cities
- + New housing supply, population growth, and access to social infrastructure
- + What is Australian cities policy?
- + Mapping the terrain: Cities related issues and research themes

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