

**POLICY IMPACT  
STATEMENT  
2021-2022**



## AHURI 2021-2022 HIGHLIGHTS



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VISITS

**311,805**



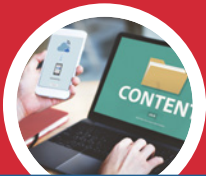
RESEARCH REPORT  
VIEWS

**78,615**



WEBINAR  
ATTENDEES

**1,837**



AHURI BRIEFS  
PUBLISHED

**17**



MEDIA  
MENTIONS

**518**



NEWS ITEMS  
PUBLISHED

**45**



AHURI NEWS  
SUBSCRIBERS

**7,672**



SOCIAL MEDIA  
FOLLOWERS

**11,152**



CONFERENCE  
DELEGATES

**1,444**

# INTRODUCTION

AHURI is Australia's only national independent research organisation dedicated to housing, homelessness, cities and related urban research.

AHURI's policy impact across housing, homelessness, cities and urban issues is founded on policy-relevant peer reviewed research delivered through our national network of university partners. This work is supported by our close engagement with decision making at all levels of government, industry and community sectors, and our active work to enhance public understanding through evidence-informed discussion.

The impact of our research and analysis is evidenced by engagement across our key channels, along with direct engagement with the policy community. This includes:

1. Website engagement
2. Media mentions and social media engagement
3. Attendance at conferences, events and webinars
4. Subscriptions to direct email campaigns
5. Key engagement actions

**This Policy Impact Statement provides a snapshot of our current levels of engagement and provides an overview of performance and achievements of published research, events and policy development activities within the 2021-2022 Financial Year.**

'I welcome AHURI's contribution to the national housing and homelessness policy agenda over the last two decades. The world class research conducted by AHURI has been invaluable in helping Victoria improve its policy and service response and most importantly, improving outcomes for people in need of housing assistance.'

**Hon Richard Wynne MP**  
Victorian Minister for Housing





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# RESEARCH

## Research on strategic policy issues

AHURI's flagship National Housing Research Program and developing National Cities Research Program delivered a momentous 26 peer reviewed research reports in this financial year, including a priority research project on Australia's COVID-19 pandemic housing policy responses.

Some of our highlights included:

- *Sustainable Indigenous housing in regional and remote Australia*
- *Precarious housing and wellbeing*
- *Population growth and mobility in Australia: implications for housing and urban development policies*
- *Understanding discrimination effects in private rental housing*
- *Understanding what attracts new residents to smaller cities*



## RESEARCH REPORTS



**26**  
published



**78,615**  
views

'AHURI is to be congratulated on the influence the Institute provides within the housing and homelessness sector and across the broader community. I would also like to further commend AHURI on the way the Institute reacted to the COVID- 19 pandemic in Australia.'

**Hon Michelle Lensink MLC**  
SA Minister for Human Services

## Our Government Partners



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South Australia



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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## Our Research Partners



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South Australia



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TASMANIA

## Major Conference Partners



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Housing  
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Innovation That Matters



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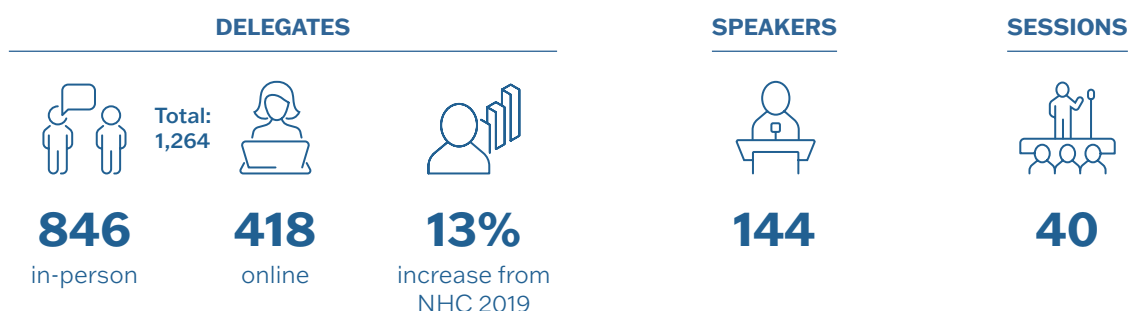
Environment,  
Land, Water  
and Planning

# EVENTS

## 2022 National Housing Conference Melbourne, 2-4 March

The 2022 National Housing Conference (NHC), delayed by six months and moved 1600 kilometres from its planned location in Brisbane due to the COVID-19 pandemic, made a triumphant return to Melbourne in March. 144 speakers from Australia and abroad and 1300 delegates (over 800 in the room and almost 500 online) from a broad range of sectors came together to learn the lessons for the housing sector from the pandemic and other external challenges, and importantly, to re-connect with friends and colleagues, old and new.

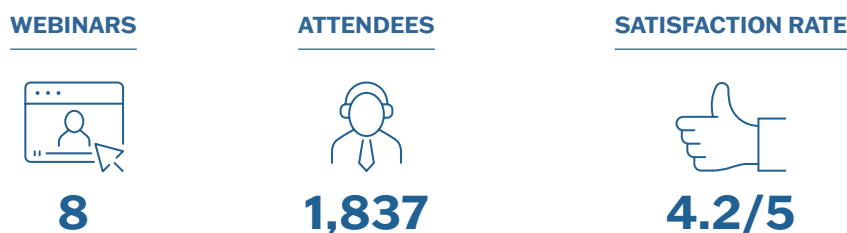
AHURI's first attempt with this hybrid experience proved to be successful with a broader audience and an increase in delegate numbers from 2019, despite the challenges of COVID-19.



## AHURI Webinar Series

Introduced in early 2020, AHURI's Research Webinar Series was consolidated as a popular forum for audiences to engage with the latest research findings. The regular forum supported a 20-minute presentation by the lead author of a newly published piece of AHURI research, followed by response from an industry representative. Additionally, each webinar included a facilitated panel discussion and opportunity for audience members to submit questions to presenters via the webinar platform for an interactive experience.

In May 2022, AHURI launched the Cities Webinar Series with the event, 'Driving population growth in regional cities'. This series examines some of the major cities and urban policy issues in Australia, and closely aligned with our 12 cities and urban themes.



# ENGAGEMENT

## Research impact

The AHURI Final Report series is ranked as Australia's most impactful journal or publication series in public administration, urban studies and development, and the nation's fourth most impactful series across the social sciences (according to SCImago Journal Ranks). The reports rank in the top quartile of urban studies and development publications globally.

## Professional Services

AHURI's Professional Services team continued to provide tailored research solutions for clients across government, private and community sectors, playing an important role in supporting policy development for a number of significant clients.

In the 2021-2022 year, highlights included:

- *Common ground Practice Manual* - In collaboration with Mind Australia and MGS Architects, AHURI developed a Common Ground Practice Manual to provide guidance for the delivery, design and funding of congregate supportive housing based on Housing First principles, such as the Common Ground model. This work involved extensive engagement with multiple stakeholders, and has created a resource being used by local governments, in partnership with state agencies, for the delivery of congregate supportive housing.
- *NSW homelessness industry partnership* - Homelessness NSW engaged AHURI to undertake an evaluation of the NSW Homelessness Industry and Workforce Development Strategy (2017-2020). The evaluation, through a mix of quantitative and qualitative methods, produced a range of recommendations that are being considered in the development of future strategies.



## International leadership

AHURI's continuing international engagements were featured at the National Housing Conference in March 2022, including a keynote address from Adrienne Todman, Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as well as international addresses from Japan, the Netherlands, and Austria.



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