

Read Edition 120 of the NB to get the latest details on cuts to NRAS, the latest data reports and a range of new resources, training and events.



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New Resources Available

[Gentrification and Displacement: The Household Impacts of Neighbourhood Change](#)

This paper is a final report on research which examined how gentrification (the move of high-income households to low-rent/cost neighbourhoods) has impacted on the supply of affordable housing in these areas in Sydney and Melbourne. The report is authored by Rowland Atkinson, Maryann Wulff, Margaret Reynolds and Angela Spinney for AHURI.

[Stakeholder views of the regulation of affordable housing providers in Australia](#)

This paper represents the final report of a study contributing to discussions in government and among not-for-profit housing providers about the way regulation can assist their efforts to increase the supply of affordable rental housing in Australia. It is based on conducting interviews with large and small providers, regulators, non-government

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Dear <<First Name>>,

In the first of our new look NB's for this year we will be taking a look at the recently announced NRAS cuts, as well as a number of data reports that have been released this month. You will now find links to new resources, training and events in the left-hand side column of the NB. Please let me know if you have any trouble accessing the NB using this new format.

Also, a quick reminder that **registration for our 2011 National Affordable Housing Exchange to be held on 14-15 April is now open... details are below.**

As usual please feel free to distribute the NB within your own networks or forward it on to anyone who may be interested.

Kind regards and happy reading,

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On behalf of the CHFA Team

Government Announce NRAS Cuts

Yesterday Prime Minister Julia Gillard announced that the National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) would be capped as part of the Government's flood response package. Full details of the cap have not been announced at this stage, however it is CHFA's understanding that in essence NRAS will be capped at 35,000 incentives by 2013-14 (down from the original 50,000), which will save \$264m.

According to the Minister's office, there are around

organisations (NGOs) representing tenants' interests and investors in affordable housing in the states of Victoria, New South Wales (NSW), Queensland and Tasmania. The report is authored by Max Travers, Tony Gilmour, Keith Jacobs, Vivienne Milligan, and Rhonda Phillips.

Training and Events

[Future housing for older Australians: Overcoming barriers to innovation](#)

A one day symposium, co-hosted by AHURI and The Benevolent Society, for policy-makers, researchers, planners, NGO representatives, local government, the commercial sector and older Australians to discuss and debate innovative solutions and practical steps to creating better housing outcomes for Australia's ageing population. The symposium will be held on the 25 February 2011 at the SMC Conference and Function Centre, Sydney.

[From Acorn to Oak: Sowing the seeds of CHEV's New Housing Deal](#)

The Community Housing Federation of Victoria will be hosting their 2011 conference on the 19 July 2011 at Etihad Stadium, Melbourne.

[Information on NSW FHA 2011 Training Dates Now Available](#)

The NSW Federation of Housing Associations run a number of training programs suitable for those engaged in the community housing sector, including the Diploma of social housing. 2011 dates and information on their

20,000 NRAS incentives already ready to go or on the ground, so they'll be taking the remaining 15,000 incentives from applications already submitted, with priority for those applications from **flood affected areas**. Further, the Minister's office stated that they're still committed to progressing the affordable housing agenda.

The capping of NRAS is a disappointing decision, especially given that this was the only serious dedicated affordable housing funding under the SEWPaC portfolio.

CHFA's [press release on the decision](#) can be found [here](#), while a press release from the National Affordable Housing Summit can also be viewed from the [CHFA website](#).

Prime Minister Gillard's announcement, made at the National Press Club can be viewed from their [website](#).

CHFA will provide updates on this issue as they are made available.

Registration Now Open - 2011 National Affordable Housing Exchange

Registrations for the 2011 National Affordable Housing Exchange are now open. Book your spot now to secure your opportunity to engage with some of Australia's leading presenters on a range of practical affordable housing topics in an interactive masterclass environment. A limited number of sponsorship and exhibition booth places are also still available. Please visit the [Exchange website](#) for registration and more information.

Australia Among Least Affordable - 2011 Demographia Survey Report

The 7th Annual Demographia International Housing Affordability Survey has recently been released, and has shown Australia to be one of the most unaffordable countries, and our cities to be some of the most unaffordable markets in the world, with many of our capital cities, and even some of our major regional centres being less affordable than Major international cities like New York or London. The report paints a shocking picture of the state housing affordability in Australia has reached, and emphasises the need to continue the push for affordable housing initiatives - making the recently announced cuts to NRAS all the more damaging.

The full Demographia report can be downloaded from their [website](#).

courses are now available online.

[National Conference on Volunteering 2011](#)

Volunteering Australia have announced dates for the 2011 National Conference on Volunteering for the 9-11 November, to be held in Brisbane at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

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My City: The People's Verdict

The Property Council of Australia have recently released a report from a survey they have commissioned to assess attitudes towards the livability of Australian cities and government performance in urban policy. Although some cities have fared better than others the results are not good in terms of perceived affordability and government performance in many of our major cities, with the best barely making a pass mark.

The full report and a range of supporting information can be accessed from the [Survey website](#).

Community Housing 2009-2010

The latest results from community housing data collection conducted by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare have been released. The report provides an important update on the provision of community housing in Australia, and across jurisdictions.

The full report can be downloaded from the [AIHW website](#).

Caring for Older Australians - Call for Submissions

The Productivity Commission have recently released their long-awaited draft report into the provision of care for older Australians. The Productivity Commission are calling for submissions to be made by 21 March 2011. CHFA made a number of recommendations towards the development of the report, and broadly support the recommendations that have resulted. The full report can be accessed from the [Productivity Commission website](#).

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