

## Housing, The Economy and Productivity: Why social and affordable housing is so good for the economy

The **Community Housing Industry Association (CHIA)**, **National Shelter** and **Homelessness Australia** invite you to listen to **Terry Rawnsley, Principal & Partner, SGS Economics and Planning**, **Professor Bill Randolph Professor Bill Randolph Director, City Futures Research Centre** and special guest **Professor Duncan McLennan, Professor in Public Policy at the University of Glasgow** speak about the positive role social and affordable housing can have in the economy.

Australia went into the pandemic with 1.3 million people pushed into poverty simply because they were paying too much in housing costs. Investment in new social and affordable housing has for decades failed to keep up with population growth. Peer reviewed research indicates that the country has a shortfall of 450,000 social housing units. We know how we got to this place, but how do we make things change and convince governments to once again invest in large scale housing programs .

Our speakers will both talk about making the economic arguments for housing. Terry will focus on the work, [\*Economic Impacts of Social Housing Investment \(June 2020\)\*](#) SGS completed to model the economic outcomes from the [\*Social Housing Acceleration and Renovation Program \(SHARP\)\*](#) stimulus program. Bill will speak about the longer run impacts from investing in housing, how these more than out way the costs of social and affordable housing, and also explain the work commissioned by the Housing and Productivity Research Consortium – HPRC).

**Adrian Pisarski, CEO** at National Shelter and **Wendy Hayhurst, CEO** at CHIA will also provide background on the SHARP and facilitate the session.

### Contributors



We both also want to acknowledge the generous contributions to the latest SGS report from Bridge Housing, Hume Community Housing and QShelter.

We would also like to thank those organisations providing funding for the Housing and Productivity Research Consortium's first project: Evolve. SGCH, BlueCHP and Haven Home Safe.



**We invite you to join us for what is sure to be an informative and stimulating discussion.**

## Presenters

### About Terry Rawnsley

Terry helps businesses and governments make informed decisions by taking complex data sets and distilling them into simple to understand options. He has specialist expertise in economic development, land use and transport strategies.

An award-winning economist, Terry frequently presents and publishes research and insights into how cities and regions function and according to SGS' website, "has been directly quoted in the media more than 150 times in the last three years (yes, we counted)..."

[More info here](#)

### About Professor Bill Randolph

Bill Randolph joined the Faculty of the Built Environment at the University of New South Wales in August 2004 as Professor and Director of the City Futures Research Centre. He was appointed Associate Dean Research in mid-2009. At UNSW he leads a research team specializing in housing policy, housing markets and affordability, urban renewal, sustainability and metropolitan planning policy issues. Bill has 35 years experience as a researcher on housing and urban policy issues in the academic, government, non-government and private sectors and holds a PhD from the London School of Economics.

[More info here](#)

### About Professor Duncan McLennan

Duncan Maclennan is an applied economist with interests in cities, neighbourhoods, infrastructure and housing. He is currently Professor of Public Policy at the University of Glasgow, Professor of Strategic Urban Management and Finance at the University of St Andrews and a Professorial Research Fellow in Urban Economics at the University of New South Wales, Sydney.

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## Registration

Register your interest to attend now:

WHEN: 17 June, 1pm-2pm (AEST)

WHERE: Webinar (free)

REGISTRATION: [Eventbrite link here \(Zoom details to follow once you have registered\)](#)



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