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## Centre for Housing Research, Aotearoa New Zealand – Housing Research Investments

I am writing to provide you with an update on the Centre for Housing Research, Aotearoa New Zealand's ("CHRANZ") housing research investments.

The CHRANZ Board has managed or is managing to completion the housing research projects initiated by its predecessor, the Establishment Board. Amongst the published research are reports on statistical housing data and a post-graduate paper investigating the impacts of leaky home stigma on residential property values.

The research projects still in progress include an analysis of the changing structure of the housing sector, research on the future of home ownership, and an analysis of supported accommodation options for older people. These will be completed in May, June and July respectively.

The CHRANZ Board has just commissioned the following housing scoping research.

Project	Budget	Researcher	Due	Aim
Housing Costs and Affordability in NZ	\$30,000	DTZ Research	June 2004	To establish and scope the key issues associated with housing costs and affordable housing in N.Z and compare these costs and issues with other similar nations such as Australia.
The Impact of Financial Circumstances on Tenure Choices in NZ	\$30,000	Business and Economic Research Ltd. (BERL)	June 2004	To generate a set of related housing research projects addressing the relationship between financial circumstances and tenure choices for those New Zealanders in the 18-40 year old cohort.
Scoping Bi-Directional Impacts of Economic, Social and Environmental Changes and the NZ Housing Market	\$60,000	Motu	July 2004	To identify a set of housing research projects addressing two related topics: (i) The impact of economic, social and environmental changes on housing in New Zealand's non-metropolitan regions; and (ii) The economic, social and environmental impacts of the New Zealand housing market.

\* (Plus GST)

A fourth scoping project to investigate the housing needs of disabled New Zealanders is currently up for tender.

This research programme is seen as a strategic investment by the CHRANZ Board. It is expected that the recommendations emerging from this research will provide the framework for a two to three year strategic housing research programme relevant to all housing sector stakeholders. The

programme will contribute towards the development of CHRANZ's investment in housing research and to better inform housing policy and practice over the next five years.

In setting its research programme the CHRANZ Board has drawn on its sector wide experience and strong commitment to high quality, internationally-benchmarked research outputs. Our vision for CHRANZ is that it will be the pre-eminent champion and funder of rigorous, independent and relevant housing research in New Zealand.

Details on CHRANZ's housing research investments, including publications can be located at [www.chranz.co.nz](http://www.chranz.co.nz).

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