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Centre for Housing Research, Aotearoa New Zealand (CHRANZ) – Housing Research Investments

I am writing to provide you with an update on CHRANZ's housing research investments.

The CHRANZ housing research database has recently been made publicly available, via its website. The database is updated on a quarterly basis and provides a central repository of bibliographic references to housing research carried out in New Zealand since 1990 for use by the housing policy and research community. (See www.chranz.co.nz)

This month CHRANZ has released research that provides a detailed analysis and description of the New Zealand housing sector and key changes in its structure over the last twenty years. The research report, *The Changing Structure of the Housing Sector in New Zealand*, identifies the key determinants of the changes in the New Zealand housing market over this period have been Government involvement and intervention, significant changes in the demographic composition of our society and the increased availability of credit. The report provides a firm base for consideration of the policy implications of the trends identified, areas where further research is required and is a useful reference document.

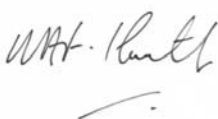
Upcoming research from CHRANZ's housing research programme includes a major research project that analyses the supported accommodation options for older people in New Zealand. The aim of this research is to analyse the housing situation of older people (aged 65 and over) in New Zealand and the housing options which are open to them, both at the present time and in the future. Special attention is being given to people in the low socio-economic groups, Maori, Pacific People and women.

Further research projects still in progress include: *The Impact of Financial Circumstances on Tenure Choices in New Zealand*, *Housing Costs and Affordability in New Zealand* and *Bi-directional Impacts of Economic, Social and Environmental Changes and the New Zealand Housing Market*. Due for completion by the end of July, these studies have been deliberately positioned by CHRANZ as contributions to agenda setting in housing research.

Details on CHRANZ's housing research investments, including publications, can be located at www.chranz.co.nz.

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