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**CENTRE FOR HOUSING RESEARCH, AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND
HOUSING RESEARCH ACTIVITIES**

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

CHRANZ'S ANNUAL REPORT 2003/04

CHRANZ has had a successful year, resulting in the delivery of seven important research reports on housing in New Zealand. Also, after a year of hard work by the board and office, the essential operational foundations necessary to achieve the CHRANZ mission are also in place. The CHRANZ Board looks to the future with enthusiasm and confidence, dedicated to the delivery of a strategic, policy-relevant, housing research programme. A copy of the Annual Report is available on the CHRANZ website.

CHRANZ'S RESEARCH PROGRAMME

CHRANZ's research programmes for the next 2-3 years consist of two key strands.

1. **The New Zealand Housing System:** This is an important focus for CHRANZ. We see the research sub themes of the future of homeownership, affordable housing and housing stock suitability, as the most pressing issues within the New Zealand Housing system. They merit serious research attention.
2. **Linking Housing and Social, Economic and Environmental Outcomes:** The provision of appropriate, affordable housing relies not only on an understanding of the housing system but also on an understanding of the strong connections between housing outcomes and social, economic and environmental outcomes. An understanding of the interrelationships between housing, labour markets and education and the pursuit of sustainable settlements is particularly important.

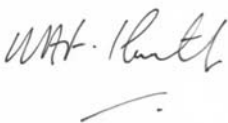
In 2004/05 CHRANZ's research investments will largely focus on the first research programme. During October, CHRANZ will be releasing invitations to tender for research that investigates:

- Housing tenure aspirations and attainment
- Maori housing experiences: emerging trends and issues
- The availability of affordable housing in the Nelson, Tasman and Marlborough regions, for low to moderate income earners
- Intergenerational and interfamilial transfers of wealth/housing
- The future of housing in New Zealand

Housing research already begun includes *Housing Choices for Disabled New Zealanders*. The aim of this research is to identify a set of housing research projects that address the key issues associated with housing choices for disabled New Zealanders. This research will be completed in October 2004.

Details of CHRANZ's housing research investments, including publications, can be located at www.chranz.co.nz. For any further information please contact Terrence Aschoff, CHRANZ Manager, on 04 439 3326 or terrence.aschoff@chranz.co.nz.

Yours sincerely



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