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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.

The CHRANZ Board has commissioned the following new housing research:

The Future of Homeownership and the Role of the Private Rental Market in Auckland

CHRANZ has contracted DTZ Research to undertake this research at a cost of \$120,000. CHRANZ has allocated \$110,000 and the Auckland Regional Council has contributed \$10,000 in partnership funding. This research is due in December 2006 and aims to improve the understanding of how the Auckland Region's private rental market might adjust to cope with the projected fall in home ownership rates and to investigate the market, social, fiscal and policy implications of these trends particularly as low to medium income households become increasingly reliant on private rental accommodation.

Housing Supply in the Auckland Region 2000-2005

CHRANZ has contracted a research consortium led by Motu Economic & Public Policy Research to undertake this research at a cost of \$132,250. CHRANZ has allocated \$45,000, Housing New Zealand Corporation has contributed \$50,000, and the Department of Building and Housing has contributed \$37,250 in partnership funding. The research is due in December 2006 and will provide an analysis of primary and secondary data dealing with supply-related constraints that may have inhibited housing expansion in Auckland over 2000-2005, and examine the impacts of any constraints on the ability of developers and home builders to respond to growth in demand.

Accessible Housing for the Future Ageing and Disabled Population in New Zealand

CHRANZ has contracted the Centre for Research, Evaluation and Social Assessment to undertake this research at a cost of \$75,000. The research is due in February 2007 and aims to assist the housing and disability sectors to effectively optimise housing access for the growing numbers of people who will be managing severe or moderate disability over the next 25 years.

Pacific Island Housing Experiences: Emerging Trends and Issues

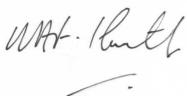
CHRANZ has contracted a research consortium led by Koloto & Associates to undertake this research at a cost of \$115,000. CHRANZ has allocated \$75,000 and the Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs has contributed \$40,000 in partnership funding. The research is due in May 2007 and aims to investigate the housing experiences and aspirations of Pacific communities in New Zealand.

Affordable Housing in the Bay of Plenty Region: A Solutions Study

CHRANZ has contracted Capital Strategy Limited to undertake this research at a cost of \$185,000. CHRANZ has allocated \$155,000 and the Department of Labour has contributed \$30,000 in partnership funding. The final research is due in June 2007 and aims to investigate the links between affordable housing, infrastructure and regional development in the Western and Eastern Bay of Plenty sub-regions. The research results will contribute towards the development and implementation of locally owned solutions to meet any identified issues arising between affordable housing and labour requirements in the two sub-regions.

Details of CHRANZ's housing research investments and free copies of published research reports can be located at www.chranz.co.nz. For further information please contact Terrence Aschoff on 04 439 3326 or terrence.aschoff@chranz.co.nz.

Yours sincerely



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