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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 COMMISSIONED RESEARCH

The CHRANZ Board has commissioned the following new housing research:

Affordable Housing in the Nelson, Marlborough and Tasman Regions: A Solutions Study

CHRANZ has contracted a research consortium led by Motu Economic and Public Policy Research to undertake this research at a cost of \$210,000 (gst inclusive). CHRANZ has allocated \$90,000. The Ministry of Economic Development has contributed \$90,000 from the Regional Initiatives Fund, and the Ministry of Social Development, through the Work and Income regional office for Nelson, Marlborough, and the West Coast, has contributed \$30,000 in partnership funding. The final research is due in June 2006.

The study is being carried out to address the causes of, and solutions to, housing affordability problems in the Nelson, Marlborough & Tasman (NMT) regions, in the context of labour market, economic and demographic developments. The study will uncover the causes of housing stress in the regions with a particular focus on connections between the housing market and the changing labour markets. The nature of stresses borne by workers, families and employers involved in emerging export industries will also be highlighted. Finally, the researchers will work with local reference groups to use the research findings to develop relevant solutions for each of the NTM regions.

Maori Housing Experiences: Emerging Trends and Issues

CHRANZ has contracted The Family Centre Social Policy Research Unit to undertake this research at a cost of \$120,000 (gst inclusive). CHRANZ has allocated \$60,000 and Te Puni Kokiri has contributed \$60,000 in partnership funding. The final research is due in May 2006. The objectives of this project are to:

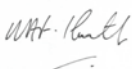
- explore Maori perspectives, aspirations and experiences of housing.
- explore Maori perspectives, aspirations and experiences in regard to models of housing.
- explore the experiences of Maori communities and their aspirations, including Maori-centred and kaupapa Maori perspectives on housing.
- identify emerging trends and issues relating to Maori experiences of and access to housing.
- identify issues relating to realities and dynamics of Maori households and their fit with existing housing circumstances.

CHRANZ WORKSHOPS WITH COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

CHRANZ representatives recently held research workshops with community organisations, with an interest in housing, in Auckland and Christchurch. The research priorities identified by the community organisations will be considered as part of CHRANZ's 2005/06 housing research programme development process.

Details of CHRANZ's housing research investments 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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