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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 BOARD MEMBERS

The HNZA Board has appointed two new members to the CHRANZ Board. They are **Colin Dale** (HNZA representative) and **Len Cook**. Profiles of Colin and Len will be available on the CHRANZ website shortly.

CHRANZ COMMISSIONED RESEARCH

The following research will be released in May 2010:

- **Children's Housing Futures** Public Policy & Research and Centre for Evaluation and Social Research

This research identifies housing trends that affect children; assesses their impact; reviews domestic and international research, evaluation and policy; and concludes with priorities to promote the wellbeing of children in New Zealand through meeting their housing needs and the supporting information and research required.

RESEARCH PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT PROCESS 2010/11

The CHRANZ Board has begun its annual research programme development process for 2010/11. This includes consideration of the research results from CHRANZ's commissioned research and consultation with policy and research advisors from key government agencies to ensure that CHRANZ's forward research meets strategic gaps in housing research.

HOUSING RESEARCH FOR NEW ZEALAND WEBSITE

CHRANZ has been working with a range of housing sector stakeholders who saw lack of access to housing research and associated information and data as a major issue. Our objective has been to make housing research produced in New Zealand readily available through a single website portal. The free public website <http://housingresearch.digitalnz.org> is the result. Currently the website provides single search access to over 1000 housing-related research items from New Zealand. This is expected to increase as more organisations become involved. Please see enclosed for further details.

I encourage you to:

1. Take a look at the website.
2. Start to use the website and to tell others about it
3. Become involved by making available your material

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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NEW INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO HOUSING RESEARCH FOR NEW ZEALAND -
<http://housingresearch.digitalnz.org>

A joint venture between Government agencies and other organisations has the objective of making all housing research produced in New Zealand available through a single website portal.

Housing Research for New Zealand already links to a number of publications produced by organisations such as Housing New Zealand, Reserve Bank, Auckland Regional Council, BRANZ Group and Beacon Pathways Ltd (see full list over) when it came into existence this month.

Presently <http://housingresearch.digitalnz.org> provides access to more than 1000 research papers on all aspects of housing research, with thousands more expected to be added in the next 12 months.

The Centre for Housing Research Aotearoa New Zealand (CHRANZ) has led the creation of this new website, with support from DigitalNZ.

Based in the National Library of New Zealand, DigitalNZ helps to make New Zealand digital content easy to find, share and use. This includes content from government departments, publicly funded organisations, the private sector, and community groups. See <http://www.digitalnz.org/>.

In late 2008 CHRANZ began working with a range of housing sector stakeholders who saw lack of access to housing research and associated information and data as a major issue.

It was subsequently agreed this could be addressed through the use of advanced digital technology and institutional (common) repositories to provide the means to facilitate access to diverse and multi-sourced information. The free public website <http://housingresearch.digitalnz.org> is the result.

Housing Research for New Zealand presently links to the websites and other sources of nine organisations which produce housing research as well as universities and tertiary institutes. Key features are:

- Single search access to over 1000 housing-related research items from New Zealand organisations at time of launch. This is expected to increase significantly over the next 1-2 years as more organisations become involved
- Links to full documents in context on the host organisation's website
- Diverse sources of information, including New Zealand universities; independent research companies; and Government departments
- Metadata (only) about research items is held on the portal, the full document is accessed through "click and follow" to the site of the organisation which produced it
- Contributors to the website will in turn host an icon which directs people using their website back to *Housing Research for New Zealand*

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4. Take a look at <http://housingresearch.digitalnz.org>
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To get involved just click on the following link:

<http://housingresearch.digitalnz.org/en/get-involved>

Contributors/Financial stakeholders

The following founding members organisations are making available housing research they have produced or funded and have also contributed to the establishment of this digital register of housing research. Not all information is currently available, more is being added.

[Auckland Regional Council](#)

[BRANZ](#).

[Centre for Housing Research Aotearoa New Zealand \(CHRANZ\)](#).

[Department of Building and Housing](#)

[Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority \(EECA\)](#)

[Housing New Zealand Corporation \(HNZC\)](#)

[Reserve Bank of New Zealand](#)

Content contributors

[Beacon Pathway Ltd](#)

Beacon is a collaborative research consortium working to find affordable ways to make New Zealand homes more resource-efficient, healthy and sustainable to live in.

[Motu Economic and Public Policy Research](#)

Motu is a non-profit research institute that carries out high quality, long-term, socially beneficial research programmes.