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

I am writing to provide you with notice of CHRANZ's closure from 30 June 2011 onwards.

CHRANZ has not been able to secure on-going cornerstone funding and is winding up its housing research activities.

In its eight years, CHRANZ has commissioned a wide range of research to grow our knowledge of the complexities of the New Zealand housing sector. Our publications are viewed as independent, highly relevant and are used widely by housing and other policy makers as an evidence-based resource to inform policy advice and development. CHRANZ is looking forward to the delivery of commissioned research investigating *Improving the design, quality and affordability of residential intensification in New Zealand*, due at the end of the month, which will be highly relevant for urban planning activities underway in Auckland and Christchurch.

We have made special efforts to communicate the results of our research with our many stakeholders through research bulletins, research seminars, annual reports, and the CHRANZ and housing research for New Zealand websites. And we have taken particular care to ensure that reports produced by CHRANZ were high quality and underwent a rigorous process of peer review. We also consulted each year with stakeholders to ensure that our research programme was strategic, relevant and appropriate. Through this process we were also successful in attracting co-funding from agencies when they saw research as being particularly valuable in informing their own work.

CHRANZ has also built networks and partnerships across a wide range of government departments and agencies, local bodies, and research organisations (regionally, nationally and internationally). These networks and partnerships have enabled us to leverage our respective capacities and resources. This has helped facilitate a broad and sophisticated programme of research and activity that would otherwise not have happened.

On behalf of the CHRANZ Board I want to formally thank the many agencies (public and private) and individuals within them who have contributed to our work. The HNZN Board requires special acknowledgement for its foresight in establishing CHRANZ and providing on-going financial support that has sustained CHRANZ during its eight years of operation. And we acknowledge the support of several HNZN Chief Executive Officers and staff during this period. Finally, it is important to record our warm appreciation for the operational support provided by the CHRANZ Manager, Terrence Aschoff, and CHRANZ Administrator, Kathy Taylor who have been instrumental in ensuring CHRANZ's success.

Copies of CHRANZ's published research reports, research bulletins, seminar papers and annual reports can be located at www.chranz.co.nz. Free public access to this material is also available on the housing research for New Zealand website and can be accessed via <http://tinyurl.com/chranzresearch>. Hard copies of the research reports are also held at the National and Parliamentary libraries and HNZN library.

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Yours sincerely



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