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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

Sub-regional Housing Demand in the Northland Region (Darroch Ltd, August 2010) is now available on the CHRANZ website under "Our Publications". This research was funded by CHRANZ, Te Puni Kokiri and the Department of Labour.

CHRANZ plans to release two further housing research reports and associated CHRANZ Research Bulletins over the next three months. These are:

- **Housing Market Assessment of the Auckland Region** by Darroch Ltd. This research was funded by CHRANZ and the Auckland Regional Council.
- **The Determinants of Tenure and Location Choice of 20-40 Year-old Households in the Auckland Region** by Beacon Pathway Ltd. This research was funded by CHRANZ and the Auckland Policy Office (formerly the Government Urban, Economic and Development Office).

CHRANZ has also commissioned a scoping paper on **Housing Construction Costs in New Zealand** which is due on 30 October 2010. The aim of this research is to understand why residential construction costs in New Zealand have increased more than costs in other sectors of the New Zealand economy. Particular emphasis will be on understanding the drivers of residential construction costs and the implications for future housing supply.

CALL FOR RESEARCH TENDERS

CHRANZ has released an invitation to tender to undertake research into **The current contribution and the future potential of the private residential rental market in New Zealand**. The focus of the research is on the future performance of the private residential rental market and any improvements required over the next ten years to meet a significant projected and diverse demand. CHRANZ (\$330,000) and Waitakere City Council (\$30,000) are making up to \$360,000 (GST inclusive), available for this project.

HOUSING RESEARCH FOR NEW ZEALAND WEBSITE

The Housing Research for New Zealand website <http://housingresearch.digitalnz.org> (a CHRANZ led initiative with support from Digital NZ) which provides government policy makers and the public free access to a "one stop resource" for housing research and data, has grown from the original eight contributing agencies in April 2010 (the Department of Building and Housing, Housing New Zealand Corporation, CHRANZ, ECCA, the Reserve Bank of New Zealand, the Auckland Regional Council, BRANZ Group, Beacon Pathway Ltd, and Motu), to 41 contributing agencies in July 2010. The 41 Government agencies and others have provided metadata links to 1350 documents containing substantive information/research about housing and associated subjects. Further agencies are committed to contributing in the next two months.

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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