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Care and support services

[No. 104: Sustaining at-risk Indigenous tenancies](#)

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(Positioning Paper)

This study examines the role of tenancy support programs in assisting Indigenous households maintain their tenancies. It aims to improve our understanding of their operation and effectiveness in sustaining at-risk Indigenous tenancies. Knowledge of tenancy support programs, particularly those operating outside the public housing sector, is limited. The study will describe both mainstream and Indigenous-specific tenant support programs around Australia, outline how they operate, provide details on the representation of Indigenous people in these programs, describe the services that clients receive and assess their outcomes. The project will also provide evidence of what works and doesn't work in terms of support services to Indigenous tenancies.

[No. 115: The costs and benefits of using private housing as the 'home base' for care for older people: secondary data analysis](#)

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(Final Report)

This paper outlines research into the relationships between the costs and benefits of using private housing as the 'home base' for care for older people. Residential care

requires relocation to the institution but provides both housing and care to older persons, whereas home-based care means that care is brought to the older person within their own home. The absence of economic evaluations of care at home for older people in Australia is significant, given that policy and care arrangements vary substantially from country to country.

Indigenous housing

[No. 114: Towards a design framework for remote Indigenous housing](#)

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(Final Report)

This report contains a policy-orientated synthesis of the disparate contributions to remote Indigenous housing from the design, policy and public health literatures as grounded and tested in fieldwork in three sample communities in different parts of Australia. This integration of primary and secondary research is used to develop a flexible set of guidelines to assist policy makers and built-environment professionals to respond to calls for 'suitable low-cost housing options' for Indigenous housing in remote and very remote regions of Australia.

Housing information

Visit our [Housing Data](#) page for regularly released national housing data, freely available from a range of sources. This information includes data on housing finance, house prices and building activity.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has scheduled the release of the following information in May:

- Building Approvals Data
- House Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities
- Housing Finance Data
- Lending Finance Data