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## **HOUSING CAREERS IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY**

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### **Abstract**

The way Australians consume housing is changing. Shifts in the labour market, variations in living arrangements and newly emerging social attitudes are contributing to new demands for housing with respect to tenure, dwelling structure the location of accommodation.

This paper considers some of the factors that are shaping housing careers in Australia through the 21st Century. It reviews the evidence base around shifting housing careers and highlights the major drivers of change in housing careers.

The paper considers the definition of generations within Australia and how the demand for housing appears to be changing across the generations. The paper also considers the issues of risk and flexibility, including the changed role of housing within the working lives of Australian men and women.

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