

## **What are the Real Costs of Housing Provision in Indigenous Communities? Preliminary Findings**

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### **Abstract**

This paper reports on the early findings of an AHURI-funded project into the cost drivers of Indigenous housing in Australia. Drawing upon and extending the methodology developed in the authors' path-breaking study of public housing operating deficits, the paper explores the key factors differentiating housing costs between Indigenous and non-Indigenous housing, and across the different jurisdictions and settlement types with respect to Indigenous communities in Australia. The aim is to provide guidance to policy makers and community organisations about the real cost of housing provision, including the division of funding between recurrent and capital components of housing provision in order to ensure sustainable housing outcomes for Indigenous households in both the mainstream public housing system and the Indigenous community housing sector.

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