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1. Final Report: Pre Election Housing Forum

A lack of firm targets and commitments to address Western Australia 's housing crisis is the key finding of a report on the housing platforms of five political parties released by Shelter WA today.

"As house prices continue to rise, only a wealthy elite can now afford to purchase their own home", said Shelter WA Executive Officer, Mr Karel Eringa. "It is extremely disappointing that both of the major parties have failed to make the firm funding commitments and targets that are required to address the current housing crisis."

The report is the outcome of a community forum organised by Shelter WA and the WA Council of Social Service in January. The Minister for Housing, Shadow Minister for Housing and housing spokespersons of three minor parties presented their housing policies at the forum, as well as their response to a questionnaire on six key issues.

"A sustained high rate of homelessness, falling numbers of first home purchasers and a lack of standards and security in the private rental market are all symptoms of a system under severe stress," Mr Eringa said. "With the exception of the Greens, none of the parties will unambiguously support the measures required to address these issues."

Go to www.shelterwa.org.au/housing_news.htm to download the full Media Release and the Final Report.

2. Workshop: Network City and the Future of Perth

The Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI) and Housing and Urban Research Institute of WA (HURIWA) are hosting a workshop on Network City and the Future of Perth: Planning, Transport and Housing Perspectives. The workshop will be held as follows:

9am - 1pm, Friday 4 March 2005
78 Murray Street, Perth
Curtin University City Campus

The program includes presentations from
Jeremy Dawkins, Chairman, Planning Commission
Paul Trotman, Department of Planning and Infrastructure
Jeffrey Kenworthy, Associate Professor in Sustainable Settlements, Institute for Sustainability and Technology Policy, Murdoch University
Simon Bain, President, The Planning Institute, Western Australia

Karel Eringa, Executive Officer, Shelter WA
Lino Iacomella, Public Affairs Director, Real Estate Institute of WA Inc.

For catering purposes if you are able to attend, please advise Terry Gardiner by email - t.gardiner@murdoch.edu.au or telephone 9360 2292.

3. National Affordable Housing Conference

Australia's first National Affordable Housing Conference is to take place at the Sydney Convention Centre from 21- 22 June 2005. This conference is not to be confused with the National Housing Conference, which will be held in Perth from 26-28 October 2005.

The theme of the National Affordable Housing Conference will be 'Making It Happen - Innovation in Policy and Practice' and leading national and international speakers will address areas including financing, development and delivery of affordable housing. Confirmed keynote speakers include Christine Whitehead, Professor of Housing, London School of Economics and Michael Stegman, Professor of Public Policy, Planning and Business, University of North Carolina.

Go to <http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/nahc/> for further details.

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