

The costs and benefits of universal housing

Universal housing is housing designed to be used by all people to the greatest extent possible. Homes incorporating basic accessibility features are liveable for most of the population and accommodate whatever comes along in life easily and inexpensively.

While population ageing is driving measures to increase stock of universal housing in Australia and overseas, many others in the community would also benefit from greater supply of universally-designed housing, with considerable cost savings to government. But there is also concern about the possible impacts on housing affordability of including universal design features in new homes.

This forum will address some of the key issues around universal housing; who it would benefit, what features are necessary for housing to meet a basic universal standard, and the potential cost implications for new housing.

Speakers

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Third speaker TBC

7pm, Thursday 5 March 2009

Drinks and finger food from 6pm. Forum will conclude by 9pm.

Rear Meeting Room, 60 Leicester Street, Carlton

Numbers are strictly limited
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