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**SBEnc Social Housing Research Update**

The key aim of our Sustainable Built Environment National Research Centre (SBEnc) **social housing research projects** has to build an evidence base to support investment across both housing and non-housing outcomes which addresses the return on investment from a broader economic, social and individual perspective. Our SBEnc partners in this research are the Western Australian Department of Housing, the Queensland Department of Housing and Public Works, the NSW Land and Housing Corporation, Griffith University, Curtin University with the National Affordable Housing Consortium and Key-start Homeloans as project partners.

Our **Valuing Social Housing** project was finalised in April 2017 and has delivered a strategic evaluation framework outlining a methodology for building the evidence base for justifying further investment in social housing. This includes Domain Tables across nine domains, including 53 outcomes and over 180 indicators. These tables provide details of the academic and industry literature in support of the links between housing and non-housing outcomes; return on investment information across SROI, WVA and narratives; and details of over 40 relevant Australian datasets. A Composite Return on Investment (CROI) methodology for addressing the broad based potential for ROI when building the case for investment has also been developed. Project reports and a 7 minute YouTube video are available at: <http://www.sbenrc.com.au/research-programs/1-41-valuing-social-housing/>

Our **Procuring Social and Affordable Housing** project commenced in April 2017 and will run through til September 2018. Through partnering with government agencies, not-for-profit providers and residential builders and contractors, this research aims to address key challenges and identify procurement-based best practices. Key steps in this project include: a review of literature to address issues associated with changing housing typologies and demographics in Australia; a summary of Australian procurement approaches by jurisdiction along with a summary of relevant international procurement approaches; and a 360 degree survey of social and affordable housing stakeholders (including heads of government delivery agencies, developers, architects, planners, financiers and service providers). All this will inform the development of a set of criteria for analysis of social value procurement approaches recommendations. Progress reports will be posted at: <http://www.sbenrc.com.au/research-programs/1-54-procuring-social-and-affordable-housing-improving-access-and-delivery/>

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