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Australia's Housing Crisis: Exposing the Migration Scapegoat and Charting a Path Forward

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Abstract

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Methods: Comprehensive analysis of housing data from the National Housing Supply and Affordability Council, Reserve Bank of Australia, state productivity commissions, and independent research institutions. Comparative assessment of domestic policy impacts versus migration effects using natural experiment data from the COVID-19 period.

Results: Evidence demonstrates that the housing crisis stems from chronic supply constraints (zoning restrictions inflate prices by up to 73%), declining construction productivity (a 53% decrease since the 1990s), systematic social housing divestment (from 6% to 4% of the housing stock), and tax policies favouring speculation over homeownership. During the COVID–19 border closures, with negative net migration, house prices surged 20%, definitively proving that domestic factors drive the crisis. Migration contributes 35–50% of recent demand pressure but less than 20% of long-term price inflation.

Conclusions: Australia's housing crisis represents a policy failure across multiple domains, not a migration-driven phenomenon. Political scapegoating of migrants risks replicating social division seen internationally while distracting from evidence-based solutions. Comprehensive reform targeting supply acceleration, construction productivity, social housing restoration, and tax system rebalancing offers a viable pathway to housing affordability for all Australians.

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Introduction

As of September 2025, Australia's housing crisis persists with modest quarterly price increases and vacancy rates below 2% in major cities. This crisis affects not just aspiring homeowners but an entire generation facing the prospect of permanent rental stress or geographical displacement from their family, community, and employment centres.

Politicians across the spectrum increasingly point to migration as the primary culprit, with Liberal Party members calling for dramatic migration cuts to "solve" housing unaffordability. This narrative provides convenient cover for decades of policy failures while tapping into Australia's historic anxieties about cultural diversity, echoing the exclusionary logic of the historical White Australia Policy.

The stakes extend beyond housing policy. The United States and the United Kingdom demonstrate how migration scapegoating fractures social cohesion, legitimises discrimination, and ultimately fails to address the underlying economic challenges. Australia stands at a crossroads between evidence-based solutions and the politics of division.

This analysis synthesises authoritative data sources to demonstrate that Australia's housing crisis stems from identifiable domestic policy failures, not population growth. The COVID–19 period provides a natural experiment: with closed borders and negative net migration, house prices surged 20%, definitively proving that domestic factors drive housing costs.

The evidence demands coordinated action across multiple domains:

- accelerating housing supply
- reforming tax settings
- restoring social housing
- improving construction productivity.

These solutions exist and have been proven effective internationally. The question remains whether political leadership will choose evidence over expedience, solutions over scapegoats, cohesion over division.

Section 1: The Crisis in Numbers

Current Market Reality

Australia's housing market exhibits crisis indicators across all metrics:

Crisis Indicator	2024 Data	5-Year Trend	Source
Median House Price	AUD $764,000	+43.9%	CoreLogic/NHSAC
Price-to-Income Ratio	8.6x	+75.5% since 2002	Federal Budget Analysis
Rental Vacancy Rate	1.8%	–1.1pp	NHSAC
Homelessness Rate	0.5% (~122,000)	+5%	AIHW
Supply Shortfall	46,000 dwellings	Cumulative ~200,000	NHSAC

Only 14% of homes remain affordable for median-income households (National Housing Supply and Affordability Council, 2025). First-home buyers now require 11.4 years to save a 20% deposit, compared to under 7 years in 2002 (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2024). New mortgage holders must allocate 50.5% of household income to repayments, far exceeding the 30% stress threshold (Reserve Bank of Australia, 2025).

Geographic and Social Distribution

The crisis impacts communities unequally:

- **First Nations communities**: 35% spend over 30% of income on housing (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, 2025)
- **Low-income renters**: Face severe stress as advertised rents exceed existing lease rates by up to 29% (Australian National University Centre for Social Research and Methods, 2025)

- **Essential workers**: Police, teachers, healthcare workers priced out of areas they serve (Housing Industry Association, 2024)
- **Social housing waitlists**: Exceed 164,000 households with waits commonly exceeding one decade (National Housing Supply and Affordability Council, 2025)

This geographic displacement forces workers into longer commutes, reducing productivity and quality of life while increasing transport emissions and infrastructure strain (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2024).

Section 2: The Root Causes – A Policy Autopsy

Supply-Side Failures: When Government Creates Scarcity

Zoning as Price Inflation

The Reserve Bank of Australia quantified how planning restrictions inflate housing costs (Kendall & Tulip, 2018):

- **Sydney**: 73% price increase due to zoning restrictions
- **Melbourne**: 69% price increase
- **Brisbane**: 42% price increase
- **Perth**: 54% price increase

These figures represent artificial scarcity created by government regulation, not natural resource constraints (Productivity Commission, 2024). Well-located land remains underdeveloped while families are forced to outer suburbs with inadequate transport and services.

The Corruption-Complexity Feedback Loop

Planning controls tightened partly in response to industry misconduct. NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption investigations (2020–2025) revealed systematic corruption in development approvals (Independent Commission Against Corruption NSW, 2024). Meanwhile, the 2025 Strata Defects Survey found that 53% of new apartment buildings contained serious defects (Macroeconomic Research, 2024).

This created a vicious cycle: developer corner-cutting necessitated tighter regulation, which increased compliance costs and approval delays, incentivising further corner-cutting to maintain profitability. The NSW Building Commissioner role exists precisely because industry self-regulation failed catastrophically (NSW Building Commission, 2025).

Construction Productivity Collapse

Australia's construction sector shows alarming productivity trends (Committee for Economic Development of Australia, 2024):

- Physical productivity (dwellings per hour) declined 53% since the 1990s (Productivity Commission, 2024)
- Large firms (200+ employees) achieve 86% higher revenue per worker than small firms (Committee for Economic Development of Australia, 2024)
- 98.5% of construction companies employ fewer than 20 people, limiting economies of scale (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2024)
- Skills shortages and post-COVID disruptions compound productivity challenges (Housing Industry Association, 2024)

Demand-Side Distortions: Tax Policy as Market Manipulation

Speculative Investment Incentives

Federal tax settings actively encourage housing speculation (The Australia Institute, 2024):

- Negative gearing and capital gains tax discounts cost over AUD $20 billion annually (Australian Treasury, 2024)
- These policies primarily benefit high-income earners and redirect investment from new construction to existing stock (Grattan Institute, 2024)
- House prices rose 70% over the past decade, far exceeding income growth (CoreLogic, 2024)
- Investor loans constitute approximately 35% of new lending, well above the historical 20% average (Reserve Bank of Australia, 2025)

Monetary Policy Paradox

Interest rate cycles create perverse dynamics that affect affordability. Rate cuts designed to help existing borrowers simultaneously increase borrowing capacity for new entrants, driving prices higher (Reserve Bank of Australia, 2025). During the COVID–19 pandemic, record-low interest rates contributed to 20% price growth despite closed borders, demonstrating how domestic financial conditions can outweigh population effects (KPMG, 2025).

Social Housing Divestment: Dismantling the Safety Net

The systematic retreat from public housing removed a critical market stabiliser (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, 2025):

- Social housing proportion declined from 6% (1991) to 4% (2021) (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, 2025)
- NSW sold 4,205 public homes (2011–21) with minimal genuine replacement (NSW Parliamentary Inquiry, 2022)
- High-value asset sales (like Millers Point's $600 million) funded lower-value replacement in outer areas (Tenants' Union of NSW, 2018)
- This geographic displacement strategy removed affordable housing from job-rich, well-served locations

The Millers Point case study exemplifies policy failure: 543 tenancies were lost, AUD $680 million was raised, but fewer than 1,900 replacement units had been built by January 2025 (Tenants' Union of NSW, 2018). The net result: vulnerable households were displaced to outer suburbs while wealthy investors acquired premium inner-city properties.

Section 3: Debunking the Migration Myth

The COVID-19 Natural Experiment

The definitive evidence against migration-centric explanations comes from the pandemic period. With negative net migration for 18 months (March 2020-September 2021), house prices should have stabilised or fallen if migration drove the crisis. Instead, prices surged 20%.

This natural experiment proves that domestic factors—monetary policy, tax arrangements, planning restrictions—determine housing outcomes far more than population growth. Countries successfully housing growing populations demonstrate that supply-responsive systems accommodate migration without crisis.

Quantifying Migration's Actual Role

Current data shows migration accounts for (Institute for Public Affairs, 2024; Grattan Institute, 2024):

- **76% of population growth in 2024** (return to pre-pandemic norms) (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2024)
- **Approximately 35–50% of recent housing demand pressure** (Housing Industry Association, 2024)
- **Less than 20% of long-term price inflation** (The Australia Institute, 2024)

Net overseas migration of 341,000 (2024) represents normalisation rather than an unprecedented surge (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2024). International students occupy only 4% of rental properties nationally, contradicting claims about student-driven rental stress (Property Council of Australia, 2024).

The Political Strategy Behind Scapegoating

Recent anti-immigration protests (September 2025) demonstrate how housing stress enables racist mobilisation. This follows established patterns:

Historical Context: From the White Australia Policy through contemporary targeting of specific ethnic communities, Australian politics has repeatedly used migration as a convenient explanation for complex economic challenges.

International Parallels: The United States and the United Kingdom demonstrate how migration scapegoating can lead to social fragmentation, policy paralysis, and ultimately fail to address underlying economic problems.

Strategic Function: Blaming migration serves two political purposes: deflecting from difficult structural reforms while mobilising nativist sentiment for electoral advantage.

The University of South Australia's research, which found no statistical correlation between international student numbers and rental costs, demonstrates how evidence contradicts political rhetoric. Yet, politicians persist in scapegoating, as it avoids confronting powerful interests that benefit from housing scarcity.

Section 4: International Lessons and Local Solutions

Learning from Crisis Innovation: Micro Housing Solutions.

International Models for Immediate Housing

The homelessness crisis requires immediate intervention beyond traditional social housing construction timelines. International evidence demonstrates micro-housing effectiveness:

Los Angeles "A Bridge Home" Program: Deploys prefabricated tiny homes (60–134 square metres) with shared facilities providing immediate accommodation while people transition to permanent housing (Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, 2023). Units cost AUD $22,500–37,500[1] each versus AUD $600,000+ for traditional social housing, enabling rapid deployment.

Seattle LIHI Villages: The Low Income Housing Institute operates villages with 134-square-metre tiny homes, equipped with electricity, heat, and locking doors, serving as transitional accommodation for 6–24 months (LIHI, 2024). Success is measured by a 65% transition rate to permanent housing within 18 months.

Toronto Modular Housing: Provides rapid deployment emergency accommodation with wraparound support services, demonstrating scalable approaches for immediate crisis response (City of Toronto, 2024).

Australian Application Framework

Micro-housing represents transitional accommodation addressing immediate humanitarian needs while permanent housing construction scales up. Key design principles include:

- Dignity and privacy with individual units and locking doors
- Basic amenities including electricity, heating, and secure storage
- Shared facilities for bathrooms, kitchens, and community spaces

[1] *All financial figures in this report are presented in Australian Dollars (AUD) unless otherwise specified. International cost comparisons have been converted to AUD using current exchange rates.*

- Wraparound support services, including case management and employment assistance
- Clear pathways to permanent housing with time-limited stays (typically 6–24 months)

This approach costs one-tenth of traditional social housing construction while providing immediate relief for rough sleepers, creating breathing room for comprehensive supply solutions to take effect (Kendall & Tulip, 2018).

Singapore demonstrates that the government can successfully house growing populations (Housing Development Board, 2024):

- **80% homeownership rates** with median house prices around 4–5x median income
- **Build-to-Order system:** Government acquires land, coordinates construction, and sells to owner-occupiers at cost-recovery prices
- **Resale restrictions:**
- **Integrated planning:** Coordinates housing, transport, employment, and services

Singapore's success stems from removing land speculation and developer excess profits while maintaining quality standards and homeowner equity (Housing Development Board, 2024).

Vienna's Social Housing Excellence

Vienna houses 60% of residents in social or subsidised housing while maintaining quality and social integration (City of Vienna, 2024):

- Mixed-income developments prevent social segregation
- Long-term planning ensures supply keeps pace with demand
- Quality design creates desirable communities across income levels
- Rent controls maintain affordability while encouraging maintenance

Canadian Responses to Crisis

Several Canadian cities faced similar crises and implemented effective responses:

- **Vancouver**: Foreign buyer taxes and empty homes taxes reduced speculation (City of Vancouver, 2023)
- **Toronto**: Inclusionary zoning requirements increased affordable housing supply (City of Toronto, 2024)
- **Montreal**: Tenant protection laws and rent stabilisation maintained affordability (Government of Quebec, 2024)

Government-Led Estate Development: Addressing Infrastructure Deficits

The Market Failure in New Developments

Current private developer-led estate development creates systematic infrastructure deficits that burden residents and local governments for decades. Developers typically:

- Minimise infrastructure investment to maximise land sales profits
- Build roads, utilities, and community facilities to minimum standards
- Leave public transport planning to distant future government action
- Provide inadequate community facilities like schools, healthcare, and recreational spaces
- Create car-dependent developments without sustainable transport options

International Models for Comprehensive Planning

Netherlands New Town Development: The government acquires large development sites, installs comprehensive infrastructure, including rail connections, and then sells serviced lots to private builders (Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, 2023). Results include integrated communities with full service provision from occupation.

Singapore's Planning Integration: Coordinates housing, employment, transport, education, and healthcare within defined catchments, ensuring residents have access to essential services within 20 minutes (Housing Development Board, 2024).

German Social Infrastructure Requirements: Municipal development requires developers to fund proportional shares of schools, healthcare facilities, public transport, and community centres before occupation permits are granted (Federal Ministry for Housing, 2023).

Australian Reform Framework

State governments should establish public development corporations with powers to:

Land Assembly: Acquire large development sites through existing compulsory acquisition powers, capturing land value uplift for public benefit rather than private speculation.

Master Planning: Coordinate housing, employment, transport, education, healthcare, and recreational facilities within integrated community designs, ensuring sustainable transport options from day one.

Infrastructure Provision: Install roads, utilities, public transport connections, schools, healthcare facilities, and community centres before releasing lots for private construction, eliminating the decades-long lag between housing and services.

Quality Standards: Mandate minimum standards for public spaces, energy efficiency, accessibility, and community facilities that exceed current private development norms.

Transport Integration: Ensure every new development has public transport connections planned and funded before first occupancy, preventing car-dependent sprawl (Infrastructure Australia, 2024).

This approach transforms estate development from private profit-maximisation exercises into planned communities with comprehensive service provision, reducing long-term infrastructure costs while improving resident quality of life (Productivity Commission, 2024).

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Section 5: A Framework for Australian Action

Immediate Crisis Response (0 – 18 months)

Federal Government Actions

- **Emergency Housing Supply Acceleration**: Fast-track approval processes for quality, affordable projects
- **Migration Narrative Reset**: Launch AUD $100 million public education campaign countering misinformation, partnering with Race Discrimination Commissioner
- **Tax Reform Signal**: Announce transitional negative gearing reform—existing properties retain concessions under current ownership with 15-year sunset clause for entities; new purchases excluded from negative gearing

- **Homelessness Emergency Response**: Deploy 5,000 transitional micro-housing units within 6 months for rough sleepers with wraparound support services

State and Territory Government Actions

- **Planning Emergency Powers**: Implement deemed-to-comply pathways for medium-density housing in existing suburbs
- **Social Housing Moratorium**: Cease all inner-city public housing asset sales pending a comprehensive review
- **Building Quality Enforcement**: Double building commissioner budgets and mandate on-site quality audits for all new construction, and establish such functions in states and territories where they don't exist.
- **Key Worker Housing**: Establish 5,000 subsidised rental units annually for essential workers within 30 minutes of the workplace

Industry Response Requirements

- **Voluntary Quality Charter**: Peak bodies establish binding defect reduction targets with public reporting and accountability measures
- **Productivity Demonstration**: Launch 10 pilot projects using prefabrication and digital construction methods with performance monitoring

Community Mobilisation

- **Counter-Narrative Campaign**: Housing advocacy groups coordinate with multicultural organisations to challenge racist housing narratives through evidence-based messaging
- **Local Engagement**: Establish citizen panels for transparent developer-community dialogue on major developments

Medium-Term Structural Reform (18 months–5 years)

Federal Government Leadership

- **Tax System Overhaul**: Complete negative gearing phase-out while introducing targeted first-homebuyer support and shared equity schemes
- **National Social Housing Drive**: Commit AUD $2 billion annually for direct social housing construction with geographic equity requirements
- **Infrastructure-Housing Integration**: Tie federal infrastructure funding to state housing supply targets and planning reform achievements

State and Territory Transformation

- **Zoning Revolution**: Mandate 20% density increases in high-demand areas based on infrastructure capacity studies, with quarterly progress reporting
- **Developer Contribution Reform**: Increase contributions from the current 5–7% to 15% of development value for comprehensive community infrastructure
- **Government-Led Development**: Establish public development corporations to acquire and service large sites, providing fully-serviced lots while controlling community standards
- **Rental Security Enhancement**: Reform tenancy laws providing minimum 5-year lease terms with renewal rights, modification permissions, and rent increase limits

Industry Transformation Requirements

- **Productivity Investment**: Federal AUD $500 million fund for construction technology adoption, including prefabrication, Building Information Modelling, and automated construction systems
- **Workforce Expansion**: Train 50,000 additional apprentices annually through expanded programs with industry partnerships
- **Build-to-Rent Incentives**: Tax concessions for institutional investors developing purpose-built rental housing with long-term tenant security

Social Infrastructure Development

- **Local Integration Hubs**: Fund comprehensive community facilities (AUD $125 million annually), providing housing assistance, employment services, and social connection programs
- **Community Housing Expansion**: Transfer public housing management to community providers with performance metrics and accountability measures

Long-Term System Transformation (5–15 years)

Constitutional and Governance Reform

- **Housing Rights Amendment**: Pursue constitutional recognition of housing as a fundamental right with enforceable standards
- **National Planning Authority**: Establish federal housing planning coordination with state oversight and accountability mechanisms

- **Social Housing Restoration**: Target 10% of total housing stock by 2040, addressing accumulated deficit and contemporary challenges

Economic Structure Evolution

- **Construction Industry Consolidation**: Support firm mergers and interstate operation capability to achieve productivity gains
- **Singapore-Model Adaptation**: Develop Build-to-Order systems where the government acquires land, coordinates construction, and sells at cost-recovery prices
- **Regional Rebalancing**: Coordinate infrastructure investment supporting housing supply in secondary cities with transport connections

Social Cohesion Priorities

- **Transit Integration**: Create 30-minute cities with cross-suburban connections, supporting distributed employment and reducing car dependency
- **Multicultural Housing Policy**: Ensure housing strategies actively support cultural diversity and prevent segregation
- **Evidence-Based Discourse**: Establish permanent monitoring and fact-checking requirements for housing policy debates

Section 6: Implementation Accountability

Measurable Outcomes and Timetable

Supply Targets

- Annual dwelling completions: 240,000 nationally by 2027
- Approval time reduction: 30% within 2 years via digital platforms
- Defect rate reduction: Below 5% for new apartments within 5 years

Affordability Restoration

- House price-to-income ratio: Stabilise below 6x within 5 years
- Rental stress reduction: Decrease households' spending >30% income on housing by 15%

- First-homebuyer market share: Increase to 25% from current levels

Social Housing Recovery

- Stock proportion: 6% by 2030, 10% by 2040
- Waiting list elimination: Maximum 1-year wait for general applicants, 1 month for priority categories by 2030
- Geographic equity: Maintain social housing in high-opportunity areas with transport access

Governance and Oversight

- **National Housing Cabinet**: Federal, state, and territory leaders with quarterly progress reviews and public reporting
- **Independent Monitoring**: Australian National Audit Office annual housing system assessments with performance benchmarking
- **Community Oversight**: Citizen juries review policy effectiveness with public accountability sessions

Risk Management Strategies

- **Political Resistance**: Counter through a bipartisan parliamentary committee on long-term housing strategy with cross-party membership
- **Industry Pushback**: Balance reform with transition support and productivity incentives, demonstrating mutual benefit
- **Community Opposition**: Proactive engagement emphasising infrastructure benefits and quality design standards through value capture

Section 7: Confronting the False Narrative

The Evidence Against Migration Scapegoating

Politicians promoting migration-centric explanations ignore several inconvenient facts:

1. **The COVID Contradiction**: Prices surged 20% during negative migration, proving domestic factors dominate outcomes
2. **Historical Context**: Housing stress predates recent migration increases by decades, indicating structural rather than population causes

3. **Comparative Evidence**: Countries with similar migration rates avoid housing stress where supply systems function effectively
4. **Proportional Impact**: Even accepting maximum migration demand estimates, domestic policy failures account for the majority of price inflation

Racist Exploitation Patterns

Contemporary anti-migration rhetoric follows established historical patterns:

- **Selective Targeting**: Focus on non-European migrants while ignoring European migration patterns
- **Economic Scapegoating**: Blame complex policy failures on vulnerable populations lacking political representation
- **Historical Echoes**: Replicate White Australia Policy logic using contemporary economic justifications
- **Division Strategy**: Pit working-class communities against recent arrivals rather than addressing structural inequality

Evidence-Based Counter-Messaging Framework

Effective responses require specific, memorable data points:

- "During 2020–21 border closures, house prices rose 20% with negative migration"
- "Zoning restrictions add up to 73% to Sydney house prices—migration adds demand to artificially scarce supply"
- "Social housing fell from 6% to 4% of stock—that's 400,000 missing homes for vulnerable Australians"
- "Construction productivity fell 53% since 1990s—we're building homes slower despite technological advances"

International Warning Signs

The United States and the United Kingdom demonstrate how migration scapegoating leads to:

- **Policy Paralysis**: Focusing on population control rather than system reform prevents effective solutions
- **Social Division**: Communities fracture along ethnic and cultural lines, reducing social cohesion

- **Economic Stagnation**: Reduced migration limits workforce growth and innovation while failing to address housing supply
- **Political Extremism**: Normalises discriminatory rhetoric and policies, legitimising further marginalisation

Australia faces a choice: evidence-based solutions addressing root causes or following the US/UK path toward social fragmentation and policy failure.

Conclusion: A Crisis of Choice, Not Circumstance

Australia's housing crisis represents a series of deliberate policy choices spanning decades, rather than inevitable demographic pressures or external forces beyond government control. The COVID–19 natural experiment definitively proves that domestic policy settings—not migration levels—determine housing affordability outcomes.

The evidence reveals multiple interconnected failures:

- **Planning systems** that create artificial scarcity through restrictive zoning
- **Tax policies** that encourage speculation over homeownership
- **Construction sector** productivity has decline due to industry fragmentation and skills shortages
- **Social housing divestment** is removing the market's safety valve and displacing vulnerable communities
- **Infrastructure coordination** failures that concentrate employment and housing pressure in limited geographic areas

These failures are solvable through coordinated government action, industry transformation, and community commitment to evidence-based solutions. International examples demonstrate that countries can successfully house growing populations while maintaining affordability and social cohesion.

The alternative, following the United States and the United Kingdom into migration scapegoating, offers no solutions while risking serious social harm. Political rhetoric that blames migrants for housing unaffordability represents both analytical failure and moral abdication, abandoning evidence-based governance for the politics of division.

The framework presented here offers a comprehensive pathway from crisis to abundance: immediate emergency responses, medium-term structural

reforms, and long-term system transformation. Implementation requires political courage to confront powerful interests benefiting from housing scarcity, industry commitment to quality and productivity, and community leadership that chooses solutions over scapegoats.

Australia can choose to build a housing system that provides security and opportunity for all residents while maintaining our multicultural character and economic dynamism. The evidence shows how; the question remains whether we will choose evidence over expedience, inclusion over division, solutions over scapegoats.

The housing crisis is not inevitable. It is the result of policy choices, and it can be resolved through better policy choices. The time for evidence-based action is now, before the politics of division make constructive solutions impossible.

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This community research analysis employs publicly available data and documented policy information. No human subjects research was conducted requiring ethical approval.

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This analysis synthesises authoritative evidence sources to provide a community-accessible assessment of Australia's housing crisis. All recommendations include implementation timelines and accountability mechanisms. Data current as of September 2025.

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