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*Abstract*

This paper will assess the housing challenges facing remote Australia over the next fifteen years.

The paper will outline the current policy and program arrangements. From this base, it will analyse the implications of the demographic explosion underway in remote Indigenous communities, and highlight the widening gap between projected housing provision and housing need.

The paper will then develop an analysis of the obstacles confronting solutions to the problems and describe options available to policy makers to create housing choices for remote communities. This will involve an assessment of a number of related policy issues including land tenure, planning, and funding arrangements.

The conclusion will reinforce the consequences of not addressing Indigenous housing need and the need for commitment by all governments and policy reform.

The paper is not designed to be a bureaucratic description of current policy positions, but rather an open ended exploration of the challenges the nation faces on this front, and the consequences of failing to come to grips with it.

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