



## A New Vision for Affordable Housing

**Thursday 11th June**  
**4.00-7.00pm**  
**Mitchell Theatre,**  
**Sydney Mechanics'**  
**School of Arts,**  
**280 Pitt Street**

Affordable housing is a matter of major community interest that never goes away. AIUS has held several seminars on the subject over the years, the last in July 2004. A long run of increasing house prices, the current severe world economic downturn and some new thinking on ways to make housing more affordable for low-income people makes the subject as relevant as ever to those involved in urban affairs and beyond.

**4.00pm**  
**Dr Bob Solomon**  
Chairman AIUS (NSW)

### Welcome

**Assoc. Prof. Vivienne Milligan**  
City Futures Research Centre, UNSW

### **“Australia’s not-for-profit affordable housing developers – an emerging industry?”**

Developing the capacity of NFP housing organisations to deliver affordable housing has been an important strategic policy in Australia over the last decade, following flourishing international examples. Drawing on empirical research for the AHURI, this paper examines new housing policy directions and how NFPs across Australia are taking up the challenge. Who are these providers? How are they engaged? What do they provide? What do residents think? What is their future?

**Assoc. Prof. Nicole Gurrán**  
Urban & Regional Planning Program, Faculty of Architecture, University of Sydney

### **“Planning for affordable housing inclusion – international practice and Australian innovation”**

The planning system can play an important role in supporting affordable housing development, as demonstrated by numerous international examples. Cities like Paris, New York and London strive for up to 50 percent of new housing to include an affordable component. This paper draws on such practice and provides examples of recent Australian innovation. It proposes ways to extend such innovation more broadly.

**Andrew Thomas**  
Executive Manager City Plan Development, Sydney City Council

### **“Local government: housing a workforce”**

How does local government play its part in providing affordable housing? What are the challenges and opportunities for local government in urban areas? In its Affordable Rental Housing Strategy, the SCC proposes to improve housing within its boundaries and more broadly in the inner ring by initiatives such as an affordable housing levy and planning provisions concerning increase in site value.

**5.30pm**

### Refreshment Break

**Discussion**

### Panel of Speakers

**7.00pm**

### Close