



Construction innovation key to closing housing supply gap

National Shelter welcomes the \$39.3 million investment in construction innovation as it will help tackle one of the most stubborn barriers to delivering housing at scale.

The advancement of modern construction through a “kit of parts” approach between the government and Building 4.0 CRC marks an important step forward in strengthening national leadership and improving coordination across states and territories, to help scale innovation in Australia’s housing system.

National Shelter has consistently advocated for modern methods of construction to be implemented as part of broader reforms to lift productivity, improve national consistency, and accelerate the delivery of social and affordable housing.

Expanding industrialised and modular construction will be critical to closing Australia’s housing supply gap over time.

“This investment is so important to our housing supply because traditional construction alone can’t close the housing gap,” National Shelter CEO Jackson Hills said.

“There is simply no pathway to meeting our future housing needs without the adoption of new and innovative housing, accelerating these approaches is essential if we are to deliver homes more quickly, efficiently and at the scale required.

“Lifting the levels of prefabricated construction on a pathway closer to those comparable jurisdictions overseas would cut build times, reduce costs, and create a reliable pipeline of work for the industry.

“A coordinated national approach, in conjunction with the state and territory jurisdictions where most of this work needs to occur on the ground, backed by innovation, strong partnerships and leadership is essential to lift housing supply and deliver the homes Australians need, faster.”

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