



**Form 1A**  
**Stage 1 Idea Submission**

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**Idea Description**

This application seeks agreement of a research project to identify:

- whether current housing construction practice will be sustainable in meeting the access needs of the Australian population in the future;
- if not, what housing construction practices should to be changed;
- what are the social, economic and environmental consequences for Australians if current housing practice remains the same.

**Customer/Organisation Need**

Current housing construction overlooks economic and social imperatives for the inclusion and participation of all citizens, particularly people with a disability and older people. An exponential increase of this cohort is occurring well into this century. Australia lags behind other Western countries in implementing efficient strategies to meet the demand for universally accessible housing.

**Market/Industry Opportunity**

A national approach will benefit both the housing industry and the community by ensuring certainty and consistency in housing construction practice across Australia.

More efficient use of materials, training and building practice will ensue. Secondary and significant social, environmental and economic benefits will result from avoidable segregation and isolation and the need for duplicate services.

**Resource Availability**

Australian Network for Universal Housing Design (ANUHD) a national network, representing the interests of people with a disability and older people would provide expert input to the research project. All representatives have had involvement in their State, Territory and Local Government's initiatives for accessible housing.

**Industry Sponsors (potential or actual)**

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I have attached a Stage 1 submission for consideration at the next Research Committee meeting in October.

Regards

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