

# HOMING INSTINCT



*Helping governments and communities understand and resolve housing density disputes*

**Draft Workshop Program  
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**Pre-workshop activities to be undertaken by participants:**

1. Exercise 1: Survey questionnaire on learning objectives and expectations (SurveyMonkey)
2. Exercise 2: “House as a Mirror of the Self” exercise (1000 words)
3. Exercise 3: Watch the Corridor Housing Initiative video
4. Exercise 4: ‘Sustainability scan’ of newspapers and television for 2 weeks regarding housing density issues
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**Day 1**

- 8:30 Arrivals and refreshments  
Affinity diagram of three basic concerns about higher density housing
- 9:00 Session 1 Welcome and Introductions  
Introductory exercise (30 minutes)
- 9:30 Session 2 Overview of the Course and learning objectives  
Summary of participants survey responses (from pre-workshop exercise 1)  
(30 minutes)
- 10:00 Session 3 Housing, shelter, dwelling and home: what are they, what do they mean and why at they so important to people?  
PowerPoint and discussion  
Discussion pre-workshop assignment on the “house as a mirror of the self” (from pre-workshop exercise 2)  
(30 minutes)
- 11:00 Morning tea

- 11:20 Session 4 Housing density in Australia: what are the issues and residents' concerns?  
Sustainability imperatives: presentation from students (from pre-workshop exercise 3)  
(55 minutes)
- 12:15 Session 5 Housing density research: what the residents tell us?  
PowerPoint and discussion  
(45 minutes)
- 1:00 Lunch
- 2:00 Session 6 Discussion of arrival affinity diagram  
(30 minutes)
- 2:30 Session 7 Medium-density housing in Australia: good and bad density Part 1  
Site-planning basics: Image, wayfinding, legibility, territory and privacy  
Discussion  
(60 minutes)
- 3:30 Afternoon tea
- 3:50 Session 8 Small group exercise: Principles for designing a framework for housing guidelines for medium-density housing  
(40 minutes)
- Afternoon tea taken in small groups
- 4:30 Session 9 Report back from small groups  
Discussion  
(20 minutes)
- 4:50 Session 10 Setting of over night homework:  
*What things do you do and have you done – as a person and/or as a household – to make your dwelling feel like 'home'?*  
(10 minutes)
- 5:00 Close of Day 1

## Day 2

- 8:30 Refreshments
- 9:00 Session 1 Review of Day 1  
Review of overnight homework assignment  
Reminder of pre-workshop exercises 3 and 4 (to be reviewed over lunch)  
Review of learning objectives  
  
(40 minutes)
- 9:40 Session 2 Medium-density housing in Australia: good and bad density Part 2  
Vehicle access and parking, private open space, shared open space, children's play, adult socialising and CPTED  
PowerPoint presentation and discussion  
(50 minutes)
- 10:50 Session 3a Medium-density housing in the future; what are the issues for Australian cities?  
Small group discussion  
Tea and coffee taken at tables in small groups  
40 minutes)
- 11:30 Session 3b Plenary session  
Affinity diagram of material produced in small groups  
Discussion  
(60 minutes)
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:20 Session 4 Open space and medium-density housing neighbourhoods  
(Wendy Sarkissian and Dr Jason Byrne, Griffith University)  
What can we expect of on-site open space and neighbourhood parks?  
What can we learn from recent research in Southeast Queensland?  
Implications for housing planning and design  
PowerPoint and discussion  
(60 minutes)
- 2:20 Session 5 Community engagement about density increases Part 1  
Overview, models, principles and theories  
PowerPoint and discussion  
(55 minutes)

3:15 Afternoon tea

3:35 Session 6      Community engagement about density increases Part 2  
How to do it: Techniques and methods  
PowerPoint and discussion  
Discussion of Corridor Development Initiative and Minnesota Block  
Exercise (from pre-workshop exercise 3)  
(33 minutes)

4:10 Session 7a      Group working session: principles for a Council or agency community  
engagement process around a density issue (based on pre-workshop  
exercise 4)  
(30 minutes)

4:40 Session 7b      Report back from small groups  
(15 minutes)

5:00 Final comments  
Reminder of evaluation survey  
Close of workshop

Refreshments

Workshop evaluation questionnaire to be available on SurveyMonkey for 2 weeks