

WOMEN'S HOUSING NEEDS IN REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

KEY HOUSING PRIORITIES FOR WOMEN IN REGIONAL AUSTRALIA



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SAFETY

The greatest concern women have when seeking appropriate housing for personal safety. Women across all ages in both locations often did not feel safe where they live, and they wanted to feel safe in their home.

INDEPENDENCE AND AUTONOMY

Women wish to have their own space. Older women talked about the importance of having their own space to retreat to. Women with children prioritised safe spaces for children away from the 'unknowns' of strangers.

SECURITY OF TENURE

Women expressed the challenge of short-term housing. Women who have a direct connection to a landlord reported that a positive relationship made all the difference. Landlords who recognised women's needs were praised.

REDUCED COSTS AND FINANCIAL PRESSURES

Energy efficient internal fittings and fixtures, including heating and cooling, were emphasised as a point of concern. Women did not want to have the added financial stress of large utility bills.

ACCESS TO COMMUNITY AMENITIES AND SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Younger women emphasised the importance of safe access to a car. Older women had a strong desire to have access to hospitals and allied health services and shopping centres. Women expressed the desire to be close to green spaces and to have access to nature.