There is no doubt that access to affordable housing promotes social wellbeing in the everyday lives of Australians. However, housing costs in WA have increased at rates consistently above the national average during the past decade. Less attention is paid to the connections between housing and the economy. Yet, housing commands a significant share of investment, employment and consumption in the state and nationally.

This workshop brings together leading researchers and policymakers from Australia to shed new perspectives on affordability and housing’s links to economic productivity in WA. The workshop will feature presentations by:

- **A/Prof Greg Costello, Curtin University** - Land supply and new housing in WA
- **A/Prof Steven Rowley, AHURI-Curtin Director** - The links between urban regulation and housing affordability
- **Emeritus Professor Gavin Wood, RMIT & Curtin** - The connections between housing and economic development.

The three presenters will be joined by two senior policy and industry representatives in a panel discussion.

**Date:** Tuesday 13 October 2015 at 8:40am for a 9am start  
The workshop is expected to end at 12 noon.

**Where:** Bankwest Place  
300 Murray Street, Perth

To register: [Please register online](#) - There is no charge to attend, however registrations are essential for catering purposes. Morning tea will be provided.

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