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Sustainable Houses for a changing future: ensuring no-one is left behind

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WHY ARE LOW CARBON HOMES IMPORTANT FOR LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS?

- + Changing climate and energy system:
 - More extreme weather, including heatwaves
 - Costs of rapid transition to clean energy
 - Growth in distributive energy (rooftop solar)
- + People on low-incomes or experiencing disadvantaged are most effected by climate change impacts and a poor transition to a clean economy. Least able to cope, adapt and recover.
- + We know low carbon homes can help people become more resilient to climate change impacts, reduce energy bills, improve health and well being, and contribute to emissions reductions.
- + People on low incomes or experiencing disadvantage are at risk of being left behind because they pay disproportionately more for essential services and have less choice and control.
- + Risks:
 - Increase in inequality
 - Overlook co-benefits of Energy efficiency
- + Barriers
 - Cost
 - Access



PRIORITISE INVESTMENT SO NO-ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

- + **All new housing - Raise minimum energy efficiency standards** for all new builds.
- + **Private rental** - Introduce **mandatory energy efficiency standards** for rental properties and phase in rooftop solar and provide tax incentives to support upgrade.
- + **Public housing - Federal and state governments invest** in best practice energy efficiency and solar for all **new public housing builds**. Provide additional support to **upgrade public and community housing** stock in each state.
- + **Home owners** - Federal, state, local councils and energy retailers work cooperatively together to co-fund ongoing programs for low-income and disadvantage households to provide access to energy-efficient knowledge, products & solar PV.
- + **Indigenous Communities** - Prioritise Invest in clean energy and energy efficiency for remote indigenous communities
- + **Pilot new technologies** with low-income and disadvantaged households.



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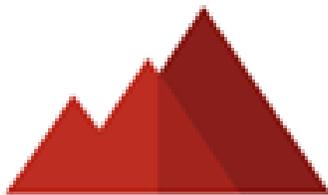
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