

Call for Speakers Submission: Guidelines and Instructions

Please read the following instructions on how to submit an abstract for the National Housing Conference 2025 – *Time to deliver* (NHC25).

Your abstract submission is an expression of interest to speak at the conference and provides information on what you may be able to speak about .

The conference program is carefully curated to ensure it is as engaging and relevant and possible, and to maximise opportunities for the sharing of ideas and perspectives.

Please note: Many speaking roles are offered as panellists rather than as speakers, meaning you may be offered a speaking role that varies from your proposed presentation.

Abstracts will be evaluated considering the following:

- Relevance to the conference themes
- originality of ideas
- relevance and usefulness to a wide housing sector audience and to addressing contemporary issues
- where relevant: significance of results, application of existing ideas in ways that provide new insights and progress

Abstracts that refer to policy or practice should relate to best practice, case studies or innovative developments relating to the housing sector. They can also focus on a program, project or pilot that didn't work, sharing what was learned for other organisations who may be heading down a similar path.

Research related abstracts should refer to research that will be completed before NHC25 and comprehensive results, not preliminary, are able to be shared in the presentation. Pilot projects must be completed and results available to be shared at NHC25.

Where appropriate, we welcome and encourage people with lived experience of housing vulnerability as speakers. If you are making a submission as a lived experience speaker, or including an accompanying speaker with lived experience in your submission, please ensure you have read our [Terms and Conditions](#).

Important:

- Submitting an abstract does not register you as a conference delegate. If your submission is successful, you will be required to confirm your speaking opportunity and will then be provided a special speaker rate.
- All communication in relation to your submission will be sent to the email address you include in your submission.
- Traditional presentation opportunities are limited, and many speaking roles will be as panellists. The speaking role you are offered may vary from your original submission.

Submitting an abstract

Abstracts are text only and no supporting documents will be accepted. Please read the instructions on the screen carefully and complete the fields in the submission form.

TITLE

Enter a title for your abstract – maximum of 20 words. The title should be as brief as possible but long enough to indicate clearly the nature of your submission.

CONTENT STREAMS

You will be required to select one of the below content streams that best fits your abstract:

Program Stream	Example topics (not an exhaustive list)
Economic enablers <i>Delivering housing and services effectively, efficiently and fairly</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax system • Land planning and use • Property development and feasibility • Housing finance and investment • Supply chains and workforce
Social outcomes <i>Delivering safe, accessible and affordable housing for all households and communities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing the gap • People of all ages, genders and abilities • Health and wellbeing • Community cohesion • Domestic and family violence • Voice and agency
Quality and performance <i>Delivering well located, well designed and well-constructed housing to support resilience</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change • Decarbonisation • Building quality, design and construction • Emergencies and disasters

If your submission relates to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people or to incorporating the voices of lived experience of housing vulnerability, please also ensure this is noted in the relevant section of your submission.

SPEAKER

Abstract submissions are for individual presentations only (except where a speaker with lived experience is also included). Please provide the name and organisation the speaker is representing.

If your submission is accepted, you will be required to provide a short bio (no more than 100 words maximum) as well as a photo.

SPEAKER WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE – if accompanying another speaker

If a speaker with lived experience is accompanying another speaker, please include their name and the organisation that will support them in this role.

Please ensure you have read our [Terms and Conditions](#).

ABSTRACT

Please enter your abstract to a maximum of 250 words. References are not required. If you wish to include them, they must be included in the body of your 250 word maximum submission.

Please avoid using special symbols and formatting. Do not use tables or figures. Once your submission is complete, please read your submission in full to ensure the symbols are displayed correctly.

PRIOR PRESENTATION

If your abstract is being presented at other conference(s) before the National Housing Conference 2025, or if you are submitting it to other conferences and yet to receive confirmation, please advise when and where.

REVIEW

Check all information has been entered before submitting. You must accept the terms and conditions of the abstract submission process.

Draft Submissions

You can save an incomplete submission by clicking **Save** at the bottom of the screen and return to your submission at a later stage by copying the link that will appear on the screen.

If you lose the link, please email events@ahuri.edu.au to request the link to be sent, please do not start a new abstract.

Once you have reviewed your submission, click **Submit** to complete the process.

Submit additional abstracts

To submit additional abstracts, you can either click on the link on the submit completion page or go to this [link](#). You can submit a maximum of five (5) abstracts from one organisation/person.

Withdraw an Abstract

If you wish to withdraw a submission, please contact AHURI in writing via email to events@ahuri.edu.au. Withdrawals need to be communicated in writing by the person who originally submitted the abstract, and in doing so, AHURI assumes that the named speaker, if different to the author, has been informed of, and consents to the withdrawal. If the person who submitted the abstract has left the organisation, please advise in writing the name, email and contact number for the new contact for the submission.

Important: Once a submission is withdrawn, it may not be reinstated.

Key dates

Call for abstracts open

11 December 2024

Call for abstracts close

Sunday 16 February 2025

Authors will be notified of outcome via email

Early April 2025

Speaker acceptance deadline

Friday 11 April 2025

Speaker registration closes

Sunday 4 May 2025

Review process

All submissions will be subject to review by a panel of reviewers; the review panel may contact authors as part of the review process.

Author Notification

Submitting authors will receive email notification advising outcomes in April 2025.

Upon receiving notification of acceptance and an invitation to present, authors are required to notify AHURI of their intent to participate/present at NHC25. If notification is not received by the specified date, the invitation may be withdrawn.

AHURI may allocate speakers into a range of session formats in accordance with the overall program objectives such as short presentation, or part of a panel discussion. The format of the session will be clearly communicated in advance of NHC25, and a pre-briefing will be convened with other co-speakers and the session facilitator.

Further information

Please contact AHURI on 03 9660 2309 or email events@ahuri.edu.au