

RP3001

# RESOURCE CONSUMPTION AND HOUSEHOLD AFFORDABILITY; THE CHANGING NATURE OF UTILITY COSTS AND THE DISTRIBUTIONAL IMPLICATIONS

## Snapshot

This small study uses ABS Household Expenditure Survey data (HES) (1998 to 2012) to examine the changing nature of household energy use (electricity, gas, petrol, water) over the last two decades and to assess the impact of the costs of these services on the household budget by housing tenure and type, income group, household type and spatially i.e. by state and territory, regional and metropolitan.

## Outcome

The direct outcome is a much better understanding of the scale and form of household consumption of energy services particularly the distributional attributes across housing types and tenures. Housing affordability is now a much discussed social and policy issue and this study has the potential to raise the profile of energy affordability in much the same way.

## Engaged Communities

### 5. Evidence base for low carbon living policy

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