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## Energy Deprivation among Low-Income Families

**Rising energy costs, limited access to low-energy appliances and poor-quality housing has left many low-income families having to sacrifice daily essentials and social connections in order to keep a roof over their heads. It is a problem that requires strong political leadership and the support of community programs to solve.**

### Competitive advantage

- Experience to be able to provide detailed, first-hand accounts of the impacts of energy deprivation—from skipping meals and medication, to widespread loneliness and social isolation
- World-class capabilities to review housing and social policies

### Impact

- Policy change to improve the quality of housing
- More equitable social and financial support for low-income families

### Successful applications

- Demonstrated carbon reductions by retrofit implementations
- Submissions to, and an invitation to present at, Senate Inquiry public hearings
- Discussions with industry bodies and government agencies for policy development

### Capabilities and facilities

- Extensive knowledge of housing and social policies in Australia
- Close working relationships with social and housing development industries
- Links with international experts on housing policy development

### Our partners

- The Cooperative Research Centre for Low Carbon Living
- The Salvation Army
- The NSW Office of Environment and Heritage
- Council on the Ageing

### More Information

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