

Attachment to *Australian Council of Social Services*,
"Australians Living on the Edge" – Survey 5.

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Pan Community Council (Pancom) is a Voluntary Organisation whose objective is to service the creation and running of "intentional rural communities". The settlement of such lifestyle communities in the North Coast of NSW commenced in 70's and has been referred to by various names at different times and in different contexts. These include "Multiple Occupancy" (MO) (the term originally used by the NSW Dept. of Environment and Planning when they introduced "State Environmental Planning Policy – 15" [SEPP-15] in 1970).

SEPP-15 permits development in the rural areas in NSW subject to the approval of the local Council. The term MO was later changed by the Department to "**Rural Landsharing Communities**" (RLC).

SEPP-15 was initiated by a voluntary organisation called the *Rural Settlement Task Force* (RRTF). The **RRTF** was a pre-cursor to the formation of **Pan Community Council**.

Colloquially MO's are also referred to as "Eco Villages", "Eco-Hamlets", "Intentional Communities" or the like.

In 1994 Planning NSW (PNSW) previously called DUAP, engaged a consultant by the name of "Purdon & Associates" to survey the extent of settlement of RLC's obtained under the SEPP-15.

The Purdon Report found that in NSW at that time some 7000 people were living in some 300 IC's in NSW where such communities ranged in size from four families to communities of some three hundred people.

In 1987 Housing Minister Walker arranged for the NSW Land Commission to sponsor a Government initiated model Eco-Hamlet in the north coast area of NSW. Before this came to fruition the scheme was abandoned following a change of Government!

The income of those living in such IC's is primarily in the lower income bracket.

Self help low cost housing is a feature of such communities. We view that the bulk of those who have settled in this way are those who would otherwise be on the Government's waiting list for housing.

Many studies and research papers have been written about various aspects of the life, aspirations and achievements of those who have chosen this form of lifestyle.

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