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PROPOSED RURAL LANDSHARING COMMUNITY MANUAL

In essence this Manual is seen to be a companion planning publication to the *Low Cost Country Homebuilding Handbook,* published in 19.. by the Department following the release of SEPP-15.

The manuscript for this publication was prepared by the Technical <u>Assistance Group (TAG)</u> within the Department of Architecture at Sydney University, headed by Colin James B. Arch., O.A.

We would support a similar process being adopted for the preparation of this Manual, viz a "group" consisting of academic and professional planners and architects, and, experienced practitioners in the field with funding to be negotiated on a consultancy basis.

(Such a Manual to be produced in close consultation with MO organisations, MO residents and professionals involved in preparing MO DA's.)

The *Low Cost Country Homebuilding Handbook,* was so sought after that it ran into several reprints by the Department and subsequently released by a publishing house. It was described at the time as being the most sought after of the Department's publications! This handbook was even sought after by those in other States. We had for example, advice of its use by council building inspectors in Victoria and Western Australia!

The point of mentioning this is that this publication more than covered its publication costs and hence <u>made money</u> for the department!

We consider that the proposed Manual has the potential to attract sufficient sales to cover its publication cost. This being the case, any suggestion of not wishing to proceed with the Manual on financial grounds would not appear could be supported on the above evidence. In addition it could be argued that we have an outstanding credit from the sales of the former handbook!

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