

Building Community Support for Community Housing TOOL KIT

Why do some people oppose affordable housing?



TENANT CASE STUDY

HOW COMMUNITY HOUSING WILL HELP CREATE A BETTER LIFE FOR MY CHILDREN

Ravi and Shanti are both 40 years old. They came to Australia from India in their early twenties and recently became Australian citizens. They have three children, aged 16, 13 and 10. Ravi and Shanti both work full-time at the restaurant operated by Ravi's cousin in Parramatta. They earn \$1400 per week, and would be considered to be a 'Moderate Income' household

The family was renting a three-bedroom unit in Ashfield for \$675 per week, paying a median rent that took up almost 50% of their household income. Things were becoming unmanageable with all of their other expenses. The family was becoming more and more stressed, and they were worried that their eldest daughter may have to defer her schooling to work and contribute to the family's income.

They were successful in their application for an Affordable Housing property in Ropes Crossing managed by Wentworth Community Housing. They are thrilled with the new, four bedroom house with a yard with a rent they can afford at \$535 per week.

Getting to the restaurant isn't too bad and they are willing to do it, so they can save more for their children's future education. For the first time they feel confident they will be able to provide a better life for their children – their main reason for moving to Australia.

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