



I Want To Live Here

Are you a renter?
A home-owner wannabe?

Have you waited in long queues just to get a glance at a rental property? Feeling the competition of the market?

Ever walked past a vacant block of land and wondered why there isn't a house there?

Much land is withheld from supply to manipulate higher profits.

Government policy, through the tax system, subsidises this activity. This land held off the market is not calculated within the official vacancy statistics published.

Investment properties are largely excluded from these statistics.

So, what is the *GENUINE*
VACANCY RATE?





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We need to exert pressure on Government to tilt the tax game back in favour of people who need land to live on, rather than profit from...

It's time to take the land back, and use it according to it's true value...

Housing is a nationwide crisis, but we need to start **from the ground up**.



WE can gather statistics ourselves, with just a few hours of detective work



Simple steps to get the ball rolling:

- 1. CONTACT** us to see if we can help coordinate
- 2. SURVEY** at the fringe of trendy areas
Use google earth to browse your community
Get on your bike/ walk to see them up close
- 3. TAKE PHOTOS**
- 4. RECORD DETAILS** on Survey registry
- 5. EMAIL** the photos to begin the analysis
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STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO BECOMING AN ECONOMIC DETECTIVE

1. Take digital photos of vacant blocks of land, empty houses or apartments.

- a good idea is to survey the area first using 'Google Earth' technology, this will reveal vacant blocks of land.



Idle land, overgrown nature, fenced off areas



Ways to spot an empty house or apartment

- unkept nature
- overflowing letterbox
- perennial for sale/ lease sign
- clothesline empty
- rubbish bins out each week?
- lack of shoes or toys outside

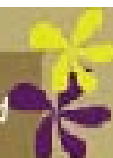
Make sure you snap photos of the house number and street as a reminder for later

Take digital photos with a camera or your mobilephone.





2. IF YOU GET THE CHANCE, ask the neighbours and surrounding occupants about the area:



- How long has the house/land/apartment been vacant?
- Do they ever see the landlord or landowner?
- What is the tenancy history i.e. has it been unoccupied for X months, or X years?
- What is the ownership history i.e. has it changed hands a number of times



VACANT LAND IS

THE CRIME OF THE TIMES



After surveying the FOCUS SUBURB and collecting photos and information on the vacant land/empty houses, EMAIL your pictures and interview findings: ourturf@earthsharing.org.au



Once the photos and information are received, the analysis can begin with a land valuer who will calculate how this extra supply of land & housing would push down housing prices.

