



# COHOUSING FOR SENIORS: Three models



## Small-scale cohousing

Small-scale cohousing addresses the fact that many suburban blocks could accommodate more than a single household, and involves renovating existing dwellings or making additions to accommodate two or three households.

In most cases, these arrangements would involve separate dwellings for each household, with some shared spaces, such as laundries and outdoor areas.

Small-scale cohousing may involve one household renting from the other, or a shared ownership model. Small-scale cohousing can provide an option for seniors to leverage the value of their home to receive rental income in retirement, can provide an opportunity to stay in the city while downsizing, or to move in with relatives or friends while retaining privacy.



If this model interests you, talk to your local council or an architect about what type of small-scale cohousing is possible on your property.

# Cooperative rental cohousing



The cooperative rental model provides an opportunity for those who cannot access, or are not interested in, homeownership.

It provides stable and secure tenancies, unlike the private rental market, and an opportunity for residents to be actively involved in their community. Cooperative rental usually involves self-contained homes with common spaces such as a shared kitchen or outdoor space, which provide opportunities for social interaction and activities.



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# Deliberative development

Instead of producing expensive, cookie-cutter apartments for sale on the speculative market, deliberative development brings households together with an architect to design properties that are affordable, that suit the needs of residents and that emphasise community, environmental sustainability and liveability.

Once built, a deliberative development functions much like a regular strata building, with a body corporate of owners that make decisions about the property. Residents are able to sell at any time.



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