



The Media: A Key barrier to developing integrated communities?

■ *The Media and stereotyping*

- *Housos*: day-to-day life of Shazza, Dazza, Franky & Kylie - best mates from 'the block'.
- Came under fire from western Sydney residents - asked SBS not to air series.
- Residents of Mt Druitt organised petition → Richard Amery (local MP) presented it in Parliament (April 2011).
- SBS was forced to defend the series → stated it was not using government funding but came from network's revenue raising activities.

Housos

Welfare Bludgers



Episode 1

The Housos scheme to get on the disability pension. Shazza and Kylie have a girl's night out, Franky buys a car instead of stealing one and much to the shock of everyone in Sunnyvale Beryl attempts pole dancing.

Housos

Drug Dealers – Part 1



Wazza owes money to the bikies and Dazza needs bail money. Shazza decides to help them by making money working for the bikies, her first job? Delivering a boogie board full of illegal steroids to Asia.



Housos

■ **Drug Dealers (Part Two)**

- Shazza and the gang are in Thailand on a holiday
- Trying to smuggle illegal steroids into the country inside a boogie board
- Before they can deliver the goods, they are captured by jungle terrorists and held for ransom.
- Meanwhile, the bikies think Shazza has ripped them off.
- Will the housos ever escape and get back home to Sunnyvale?

Housos

Other criminal behavior and anti-social behaviours



Franky, Kev and Dazza all need money to keep their defactos off their backs. Dazza tries carjacking while Kev and Franky join Habib in a dodgy insulation scheme. In a strange twist of fate, the apartment that's being insulated is the Mayor of Sunnyvale's. The not-so-environmentally friendly episode of Housos.

Housos

Dysfunctional Families



Shazza is about to have a baby and Dazza struggles to get her to the hospital. No ambulance will go near Sunnyvale, so Dazza looks at alternative forms of transport — a train, taxi, and even a wheelbarrow. Angry bus drivers, closed hospitals and road raging drivers make Shazza's birth the biggest pre-natal drama since the birth of Jesus.



Housos

- Blog: 04 Dec 201, 20:00 AEST, KM GREEN POINT writes about HOUSOS
 - “Mate, what a great show It is very close to the truth, hey It reminds me of the grubs around this area, and there is plenty of them”



The view from within mixed tenure communities

Cause I can tell you going down my street which ones are the housing trust, which ones are the rentals by the rubbish they are leaving out in the street. Dumping it alongside the road, that sort of attitude, and what it actually does is, actually instead of pulling up those who are in the lower socio-economic group it actually dumbs down, it drags down the neighbourhood (MP7 homeowner).



The view from within mixed tenure communities

- One day it was like being in New York. I looked out my window, and I could see these cars and these police officers in vests with guns, and swarming around the outside of the house. Then there was this big attack, and they grabbed the girl and dragged her, and she bit someone, and they had the ambulance. And it was like the streets of New York here!(MP9 home owner)



The view from within mixed tenure communities

- Oh the language, they used to swear like anything and it was terrible you could hear them all the kiddies.....she couldn't care less but they were terrible children. Amazing how they get these homes, people like that....Oh it was funny it was like Coronation street! I'm glad there're gone anyhow (MP6 public housing tenant).



The view from within mixed tenure communities

- Because they are trouble. A lot of them are trouble. It puts your [house]value down. I think if you've got them all around. A lot of people don't notice who they are but I do (H55 homeowner – previously public housing rental).



The view from within mixed tenure communities

- You look for the black numbers on the walls...but overall they blend in really well (H98 home owner).
- SAHT are identifiable because of driveways, houses are plainer looking (H55 home owner).