

# How Australians will be living in 2050, from automated appliances to drone landing zones

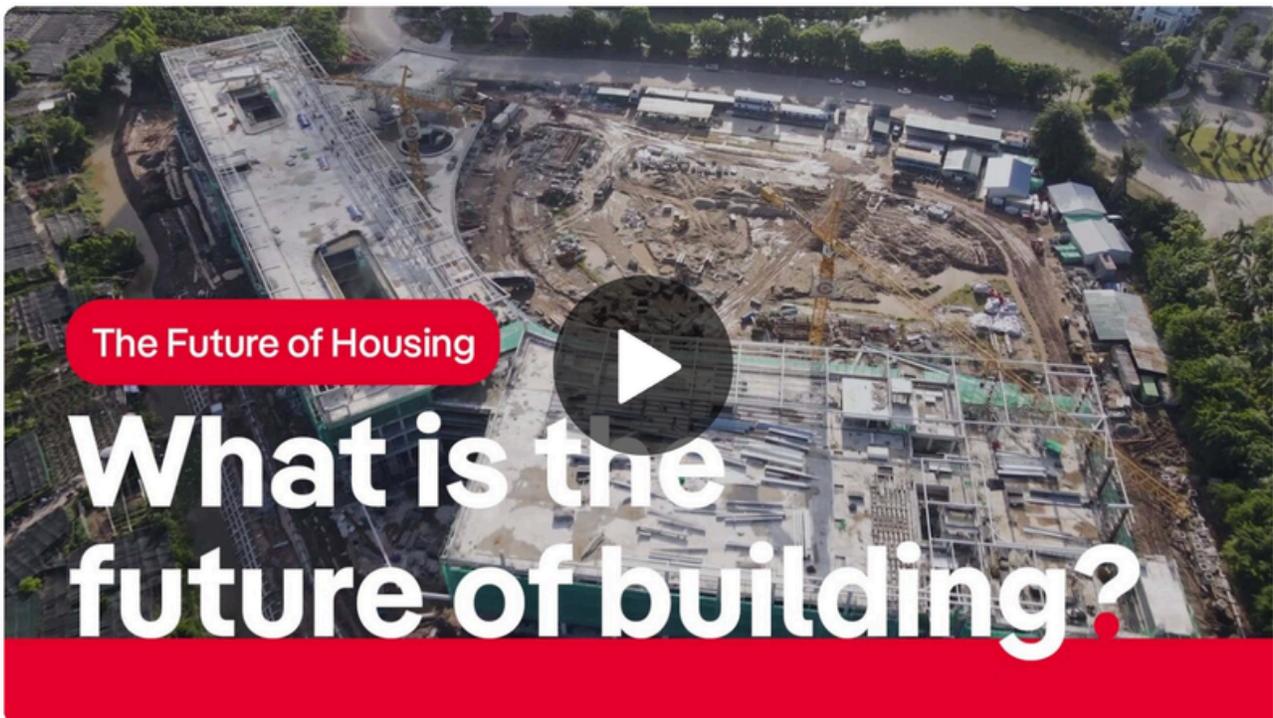


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**When thinking about how Australians might be living by the middle of the century, it's easy to picture scenes of sky homes and robot butlers from *The Jetsons*.**

Flying cars aside, the actual reality of life in 2050 might not be too far from that, with significant technological advancements on the way.

But it's not just high-tech developments that will govern how we'll live, with the changing environment, [rapid population growth](#), and shifts in household demographics also playing a big role.



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Nikki Greenberg, founder of Real Estate of the Future, said new technology in the construction sector, including modular buildings, could increase efficiencies and potentially lower the cost of housing in the future.

But she said cities and buildings haven't changed much for generations, so whether more advanced construction techniques will actually be embraced remains to be seen.

"The last leap really was at the turn of the last century, which was the modern skyscraper, thanks to advancements in concrete and steel construction alongside the invention of the elevator," she said.

"It means you could start to build up vertically instead of out, so we started having vertical densities rather than urban sprawl.

"If we're going to have a major change like that in the next 28 years is yet to be seen but hypothetically there might be some advancements in material science that lets us build more effectively or efficiently.

"There might also be some demographic trends where there is greater acceptance of having smaller micro apartments."

Ms Greenberg added that there would likely be more movement towards the shared economy by the middle of the century, where people won't necessarily own things but instead share resources, including homes.

In line with this, homeownership structures could change over time, with the potential for the tokenisation of buildings to continue, she said.