



Living without electricity in urban communities

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Tongan worker at Nutrano. Credit: DFAT.

Using qualitative methods, this study explores 8-mile settlement residents' electricity access challenges and implications of off-grid living, revealing limited access reasons often linked to service inadequacies rather than personal choices. It exposes infrastructure and land tenure complexities leading to financial struggles and safety concerns, disrupting daily life and business operations, prompting alternative energy use and increased expenses. Electricity shortages hinder business viability and education, with community efforts and government interventions addressing access gaps but posing safety risks. Land recognition issues exacerbate the problem, hindering utility expansion and individuals' access to essential amenities.

The study underscores ongoing challenges, including blackouts' impact on essential services, with a call for further research on related issues like water supply connections in informal urban communities. Overall, comprehensive solutions involving government, infrastructure improvements, and community involvement are needed to address these socio-economic challenges effectively.

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Locations

1. MBA Suite (SBPP building, UPNG)
2. Seminar room 7 (Crawford School, ANU)
3. Online via Zoom

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