



HOUSING FOR THE AGED ACTION GROUP INC.

HAAG members speak about the importance of public housing

'I have lived here for 10 years [in social housing] and have been very happy as before I was homeless with no prospects of housing, now I have a life! I can't imagine what it would be like to be told you have to move and re-locate. The uncertainty is bound to affect their health. To be in that situation would cause a lot of fear and anxiety' – Vanessa

'For my community here, their chances of living far beyond the relocation are not great. These are the lives of people who are going to be ended by the whole process of being torn from their community, and moved to goodness knows where' - Royal mid 60's

'This [Older Person's High Rise] block is really, really sound. It doesn't have any ongoing or serious issues. It was renovated in the mid-1990s where they turned about 200 bedsits into single apartments, so that the apartments are now twice the size they used to be. Some of the residents who were here living in the bedsits then are still living here now, and they saw the process of incorporation and it wasn't this disruptive.' – Royal, mid 60's

'I don't want to see the privatisation by stealth of public housing. It would be far cheaper for the government to renovate the existing flats rather than trying to make money out of a land grab.' – Sue, 83

'The rental cost of a 5% difference between public and community housing could be a hurdle for many (Jobseeker, Age Pension for instance). My concern is for those on the register who will either self de-select or not be accepted by a community housing landlord and will languish on an undersupplied public housing list.' - Margaret

'I'm paying \$550 a week for private rental have to keep working to pay it haven't got a choice the pension isn't enough' - HAAG member

'I have my name on the public housing list and I'm already fearful of never being offered a place to live. I am 66, unemployed, forced to dip into my super and can barely afford to live week to week as it is.' - HAAG member