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“Slum Reclamation Project”

"The survey was carried out by two persons travelling in a car up and down each street of the areas under consideration. Classification was made from the external appearance of the house and its fences, and was assessed by streets or portions of streets rather than by individual houses."

—Qtd by Lionel Dunk in “Urban Renewal: Part II”, *The Age*, 1 July 1969



Our plan to create more social and community housing

We are increasing social housing by around 6,000 homes, so more Victorians in need have access to stable homes.

We will [transfer management](#) of more public housing properties to registered community housing agencies.

—<https://web.archive.org/web/20240420095648/https://www.vic.gov.au/our-plan-create-more-social-and-community-housing>

Selecting applicants from the VHR

- Public housing always makes all allocations from the top of the waiting list, and therefore most allocations are made from the top priority category groups.
- Community Housing agencies are not required to select applicants from the top of the waiting list, and each agency is different. The applicants they select from the VHR will reflect their organisation's mission, operating models and the targeted cohorts.
- Each agency has its own 'priority allocation minimum threshold' which reflects the level of capital funding provided by the government. However, they can select any applicant from any priority category, recognising that agencies may work with specific cohorts, such as Aboriginal Victorians or applicants who require mental health support.
- When agencies manage properties owned by others (councils/charities/religious groups), these property owners sometimes will have the nomination right to select renters.

Community Housing Practices

- “One example is *a client being rejected due to their AOD use even though it was lower level and not a risk to their tenancy. I had another community housing provider reject a referral due to someone having a PTSD diagnosis.*”
- “I have also had *quite a few clients be rejected from community housing due to having a pet* which doesn’t happen in public housing.”
- “Community Housing Providers are quite transparent about having *income thresholds* that need to be met. This means *they will often reject someone who has an approved (priority) application on the VHR on account of their income, if it is lower than other forms of income support. This is often women of migrant backgrounds, who have been on partner visas and had to leave their relationship due to family violence.* Special Benefits is often equivalent to jobseeker
- *From a CH allocations worker: “I am currently viewing applications on higher income as it’s a requirement with the rent setting, I will sit on this application for now. If you have any applicants on DSP, Aged and higher income, I’m happy to review those ones.”*

“The Enemy Within Our Gates”

“A statement that is often made by persons who are unaware of the Housing Commission’s policy in regard to the management and care of large estates in the metropolitan area, is ‘***These flats are the slums of the future.***’

“The Commission’s answer to such a criticism is, firstly, in “Design” aimed at overcoming such a danger, and, secondly, ***through a policy of management of the estates, by ensuring constant supervision and maintenance.***”

