

## Inquiry into Homelessness in Victoria

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**Organisation:**

**Organisation position:**

**In order of priority, please rank the themes you believe are most important for this Inquiry into homelessness to consider:** Rough sleeping, Services, Mental health, Indigenous people, Public housing, Family violence, Housing affordability, Employment

**What best describes your interest in our Inquiry?** Working with Aboriginal Victorians , Working in Homelessness services , Concerned citizen

**Are there any additional themes we should consider?** Youth services.  
Assisting Churches and other bodies working in this area rather than hindering them.

**Submission:** This issue needs dealt with in a supportive manner. Local Councils need to stay out of this and either assist, or just get out of the way. There are many great organisations working in this space and they need support not bureaucracy and red tape. Shelters are a short term arrangement and only a part of the solution. We need to work towards breaking the nexus which exists and helping these people back into social normality. Rough sleeping should not exist at the level it does in Australia.

**Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?** Please work towards fixing this, or at least help those who are working in this space in the interim.

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