

Submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Homelessness

This form was made by Council to Homeless Persons to support people who are or have been without a home to have their say in the Parliamentary Inquiry. It represents the personal views and experiences of the person filling it in. This form will be forwarded on your behalf to the Parliamentary Inquiry without alteration. You may also choose not to use this form and submit your view directly to the committee by emailing homelessnessinquiry@parliament.vic.gov.au

I have lived without a home or am currently without a home.

I request that this submission be kept confidential

I give permission for another person to submit this on my behalf

Note: Parliament strongly prefer to have your contact details, but you may choose not to provide them.

Name: Sicles Botic

What would have ended my homelessness is:

- Accessing affordable, long term housing
- A property that is close to my community in the western suburbs
- Came to Australia as a refugee 7yrs ago, govt promised housing to me. I'm still ~~home~~ homeless, and finding it difficult to find housing.
- Have a back injury due to an accident, I need proper modified accommodation, not a rooming house/ shared accommodation

I might have avoided homelessness if the Government provided:

- Housing that is affordable, and close to my community (Sudanese) in the western suburbs
- x Govt to have a proper housing response for African refugees, and not keep them homeless.
- D.H.H.s to respond quicker as I have been homeless for 7yrs.

What would you like to tell the Government about being without a home:

- Agencies not assisting me properly, and putting me away from my community.
- I hated crisis accommodation, because of people using drugs, and being rude.
- I have to rely on friends and the community for couch surfing. No one has offered me community or public housing. I have a disability and need assistance urgent assistance.
- I am a Sudanese refugee, and feel discriminated by the system.

Thank you for taking the time to have you say to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Homelessness. This submission can be emailed to homelessnessinquiry@parliament.vic.gov.au or posted to:

Parliament of Victoria
Legislative Council, Legal and Social Issues Committee
Parliament House, Spring St
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002.

For more information on the submission and inquiry process see parliament.vic.gov.au/lc/lc/inquiry/976