

Inquiry into Homelessness in Victoria

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Organisation Name:
Your position or role:

SURVEY QUESTIONS

Drag the statements below to reorder them. In order of priority, please rank the themes you believe are most important for this inquiry into homelessness to consider::

Housing affordability, Services, Employment, Public housing, Family violence, Indigenous people, Mental health, Rough sleeping

What best describes your interest in our Inquiry? (select all that apply) :

Concerned citizen

Are there any additional themes we should consider?

Opportunity cost for the wider economy and social cohesion

YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

My contribution is quite simple - that the provision of safe, stable, appropriate and affordable housing is critical for a cohesive society and thriving economy. I do not see the link made between the lack of affordable housing and the consequences of that failure of provision, with the wider economy and "costs" such as the inability to get educated, get employment and to maintain good health. Safe, stable, appropriate and affordable housing is the starting point for a person's ability to participate in society and to live the best life they can.

I would like to see the Victorian Government initiate more social housing through private development requirements, investigate partnership investments in rural and regional areas with local governments and other partners, lobby for "only home" buyers' programs and opportunities (this would enable older women in particular, who are impacted and vulnerable through divorce and other life hiccups, to be able to buy their "only home" even if they have previously owned and lost the roof over their head,) and lobby the Federal Government for a strengthening of requirements against negative gearing subsidies, for example, introduce a reducing scale of taxable expenses if investment housing does not meet building requirements etc. Given the "power over" that a landlord can have over those vulnerable to homelessness, a certificate of compliance should be required at least every two years, before someone can claim investment property expenses.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

There are a multitude of providers and players in the provision of housing, and government can tap into that expertise and enable cooperative improvement. This would require non-competitive funding allocations that do not pit provider against provider.

FILE ATTACHMENTS

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