

Inquiry into Homelessness in Victoria

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

What best describes your interest in our Inquiry? Concerned citizen

Are there any additional themes we should consider?

Submission: Rates from local councils dealing with homelessness issues should be allocating funds to setting up & providing shelters. Shelters should be set up in government/local council owned buildings which are no longer in use/provide little to the community. These shelters should be equipped with mental health workers, job services & giving homeless people the care & support they need. The problem has tripled (reserved estimate) within the last five years - we have more rough sleepers in our CBD it seems than in New York. Vic Government should be doing more as the drug, mental health & homelessness issue is intertwined and will only get worse.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?

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