

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

What best describes your interest in our Inquiry? An advocacy body , Concerned citizen

Are there any additional themes we should consider?

Submission: The focus is virtually exclusively on the supply-side - i.e. more housing, more services etc. - which for the recipients involves vast means-testing, stress, stigma and interaction with bureaucracy and many paternalistic/maternalistic do-gooders.

The alternative is the demand-side - specifically, a focus on the Universal Opportunity Foundation (UOF) whose 4 cornerstones are:

1. Universal Liberal Democracy
2. Universal Healthcare;
3. Universal Education; and,
4. The Universal Basic Income (UBI).

Clearly, the only glaring absence is the UBI.

And, while states can't implement one, they can raise the issue in the public sphere and they can lobby the federal government.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?

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