

Inquiry into Homelessness in Victoria

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Organisation:

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

What best describes your interest in our Inquiry? Concerned citizen

Are there any additional themes we should consider? Assisting homeless people to be re-skilled by teaching them building skills like building straw bale tiny homes.

Submission: Straw bale homes can be built quickly and in spite of the name they do not burn easily are warm in winter and cool in summer. Small homes big enough to have a bed kitchenette, bathroom containing a shower and basin and WC. Safety is paramount comfortable enough to feel like a home. Straw bale homes are strong, durable eco friendly teaching young people they can have a future if they put their mind to it. A nightly BBQ with vegetables and salads and warm fire with counsellors and approved mentors then a place to rest without fear of being attacked. When the tiny homes are built then offer labourers jobs with morning pickup in minibus to job sites. Jobs that do not exploit workers a fair days work for a fair days pay. Some may find work in commercial kitchens. We need to help them find work and KEEP IT. No alcohol or drugs allowed on site. A community service dog is allowed

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions? If we get homeless people before they become long term homeless and assist them to find the work, safe accommodation and to feel they have a future worth living we may stop the cycle of homelessness.

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