

## Inquiry into Homelessness in Victoria

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**Organisation Name:**MORNINGTON COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

**Your position or role:** Manager

### 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::**

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

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

Other (please describe)

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**Are there any additional themes we should consider?**

low rate of Newstart allowance

### YOUR SUBMISSION

**Submission:**

I am the Manager of Mornington Community Information and Support Centre. As a generalist information and support centre, we are often the first point of call for people experiencing homelessness and in particular rough sleepers. In 2017/18 we were seeing 9 people experiencing homelessness a month. This increased to 14 per month last year. My volunteers and I are all concerned that all we can do for rough sleepers in particular, is to provide some food and give them a backpack bed, as we have no emergency accommodation anywhere on the Mornington Peninsula. We believe that the Housing First model of assistance is the best solution, but in the absence of any indications from any level of government, that they are interested in investing in housing, we are looking to try and establish a Stable One model of providing shelter to people experiencing homelessness in Churches next winter. We recognise that this is not a solution to homelessness, but we can no longer sit back and watch people having to sleep rough on the shores of Port Phillip Bay in our cold winters.

**Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:**

Someone has to start building affordable housing on a grand scale in this country

### FILE ATTACHMENTS

**File1:**

**File2:**

**File3:**

**Signature:**

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