

Submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Homelessness

This form was made by Council to Homeless Persons to support people who are or have been without a home to have their say in the Parliamentary Inquiry. It represents the personal views and experiences of the person filling it in. [REDACTED]

I have lived without a home or am currently without a home.

Name: Andrew Withall

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What would have ended my homelessness:

Money and finding a suitable, safe, secure, affordable, sustainable home/unit to reside in. (Not a boarding house, Caravan Park, dodgy hotel where substance abuse, and crime are prevalent)

I might have avoided homelessness if the Government provided:

More suitable, safe, secure, affordable, sustainable housing stock at a price relative to my NewStart allowance - \$258 per week.

What would you like to tell the Government about being without a home:

Sleeping in the front of Shopfronts in the cold and wet is dehumanising. Fortunately I was only in that situation for a few weeks before I got my van, which I now live in. Not having a safe and secure place to recover from trauma is hard. I am in a constant state of 'fight or flight' which is exhausting. It's dangerous being homeless, everything is 10 times harder, and unfortunately a lot of people give up before help arrives.

