

# Presentation to the Legal and Social Committee, Inquiry into Homelessness in Victoria

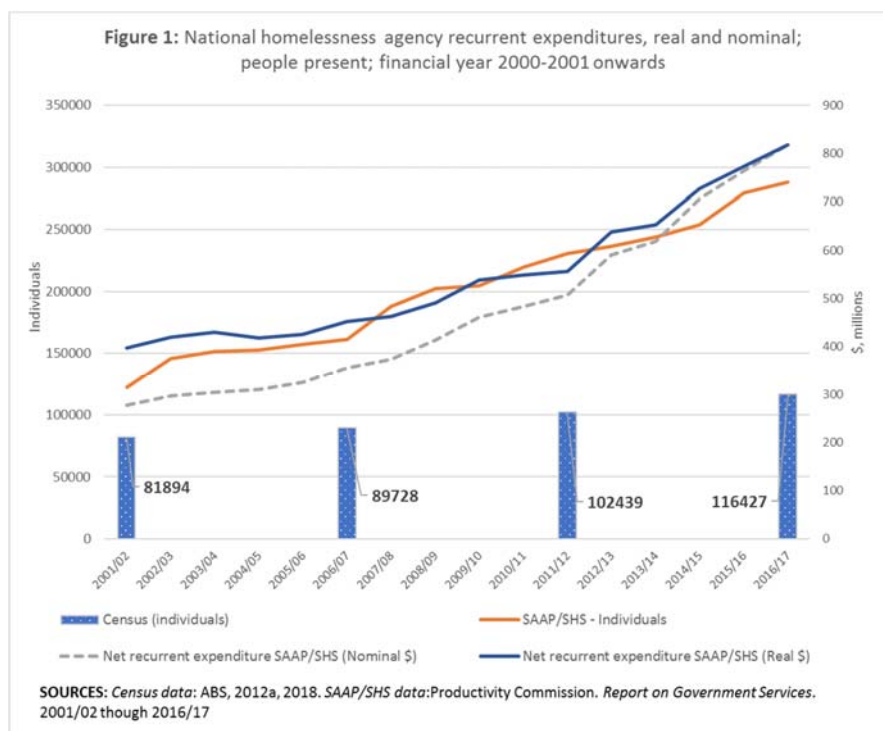
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## Spending more than ever but getting nowhere



SOURCE: Johnson, G., McCallum, S. & Casey (forthcoming) Home Truths: Homelessness in Australia, in Routledge handbook on Homelessness (N Pleace ed), Routledge

# Affordable housing makes the biggest difference



Table 1: (Significant) effects of individual characteristics

| Risk factors <sup>^</sup> | Preventative Factors <sup>^^</sup>     |
|---------------------------|--|
| ATSI                      | <b>Year 12 or post school qual</b>     |
| <b>Ever in State care</b> | Time employed (%) past                 |
| Ever slept rough          | Ever diagnosed bipolar / schizophrenia |
| Recent job loss           | Resident children                      |
| <b>Recent violence</b>    | <b>Social Support</b>                  |
| Alcohol consumption       | <b>Community Housing</b>               |
| Drug use                  | <b>PUBLIC HOUSING</b>                  |

<sup>^</sup> INCREASE probability of entering homelessness

<sup>^^</sup> DECREASE probability of entering homelessness



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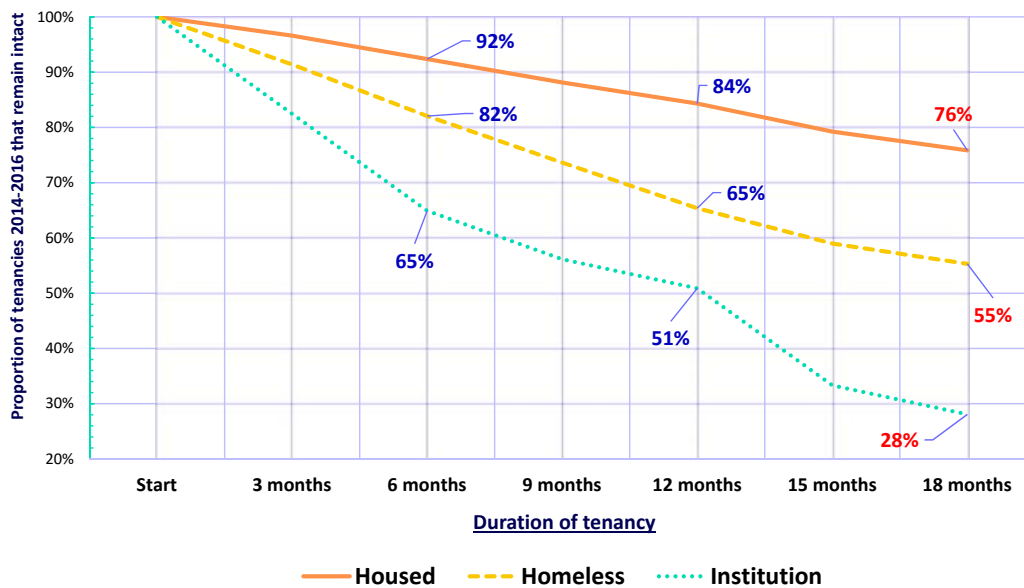
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# Keeping housing is hard for some



Figure 3: Tenancy loss rates, by entry class (housing at allocation)



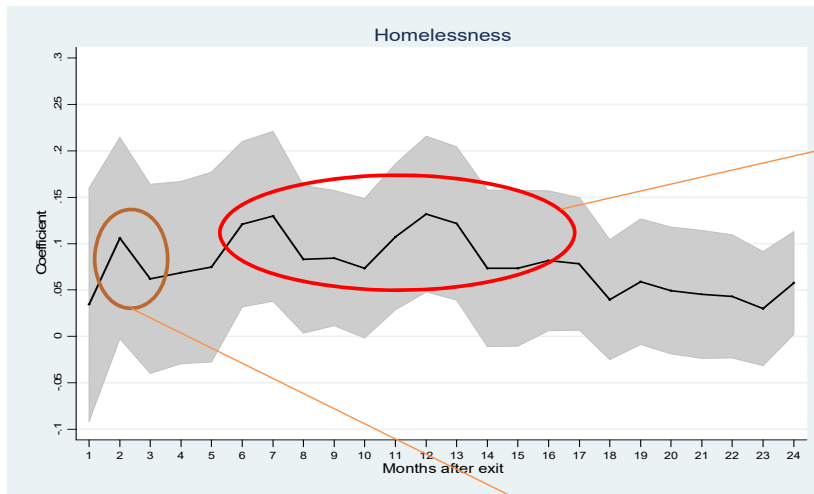
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# The importance of extended interventions

Figure 4: The risk of entering homeless after exiting prison



Delayed and extended period of risk

Policy focus is on DISCHARGE



SOURCE: Moschion, J. & Johnson, G. (2019) 'Homelessness and Incarceration: A Reciprocal Relationship?', in *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 35(4): pp 855-887

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