

## Inquiry into Homelessness in Victoria

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**Organisation position:**

**In order of priority, please rank the themes you believe are most important for this Inquiry into homelessness to consider:** Public housing, Housing affordability, Mental health, Family violence, Services, Employment, Indigenous people, Rough sleeping

**What best describes your interest in our Inquiry?** Concerned citizen

**Are there any additional themes we should consider?** Housing first models. Drug and alcohol addiction. New start allowance rates, both that it is well below a living wage and that the amount cut if you transition back to work through getting a part time job. Also the fact that it's cut for 26 weeks if you move to find cheaper/ affordable housing.

**Submission:**

**Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?** The unemployment services in Australia are not very effective. They are more interested in either getting money from employers or from the government than actually getting people in long term secure work. Also it needs to be harder to classify people as casual especially when they are working full time hours. So many low skilled workers are now being hired as casuals despite regular hours so that they can be fired easily. Casual work is supposed to be reserved for extra employees working irregular hours. This is leaving people who need full time work in a highly precarious position financially.

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