

Inquiry into Homelessness in Victoria

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Organisation Name:

Your position or role:

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::

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

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

Working in Homelessness services ,Academic & research ,Currently or have had a lived experience of homelessness

Are there any additional themes we should consider?

Advocacy

YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

Public Housing: Privatizing public housing needs to be stopped. Make a commitment to maintain and extend public housing by using stamp duty revenue to fund public housing. There should be no public housing units left empty when there is a homelessness crisis and homelessness is escalating in this country.

Housing Affordability: Get rid of negative gearing and capital gains tax. Everybody needs a home/nobody needs a property portfolio. Stop the housing market from being skewed to benefit investors and cap rental costs.

Roominghouses: Need to be registered and regulated. Many persons refuse to live in roominghouses due to their cost and lack of safety. Stop police from being randomly able to go through people's personal belongings.

Rough Sleeping: Provide lockers and shelters for persons sleeping rough. People need places to sleep where they are not harassed by police or PSOs.

Services: Stop privatizing services. Services need to be public, small, safe and informal, not conglomerates. Research and service user feedback supports the effectiveness of small services, not institutions.

Stop cutting outreach services.

Prisons: Stop building more prisons. Implement the Housing First Model as exemplified in Finland. Prisons are an expensive, stigmatizing, unacceptable and ineffective way to house people.

Newstart: The Newstart payment is the second lowest unemployment payment in the OECD. It is wrong. The inadequacy of this payment is contributing to persons having to live without a home.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

Address homelessness properly with public housing.

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