

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,Services,Family violence,Mental health,Employment,Indigenous people

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

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

Are there any additional themes we should consider?

YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

Federal Gov't and State Gov't need to take more responsibility for the homelessness that is occurring across the state of Victoria (and the whole country of Australia). The sale of housing stock has caused a huge shortage. More unemployed and/or low income earners can't afford private rentals due to shortages; rents in my local area have increased by over 25%. Currently in a population of over 13,000 there are 6 Private Rentals available to apply for; up to 30 families applying for each one. There is a 3 year wait for Govt housing (3 bedroom) and up to 7 or 8 years for a 1 bedroom property (that's Priority applications). There are mums (& dad's) with up to 6 children living in a 2 bed rented caravan.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

Read a report that stated the Govt don't have enough funds to build new houses; why can't the gov't claim the debt's from the people who have left properties (after being evicted from DHHS housing). Rent arrears and costs of maintenance debts could be claimed through Centrelink at \$5 a week. They can do it with Child Support/Tax office/Civic fines etc. make ex tenants responsible for some of the costs to fix properties to be utilised by others. Family evicted with \$5,000 rent arrears & \$15,000 damage costs but can be rehoused by DHHS within 3 months of starting to pay the debt. 100 payments of \$5 for a year is \$26,000, this money could be used to fix houses and or purchase houses or contribute to building new houses. I'm guessing but there could be several thousands of properties that have debts on them when the occupants left. \$26,000 times several thousands a year could allow new properties to become a reality.

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