

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

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

Concerned citizen

Are there any additional themes we should consider?

No

YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

Public housing is essential to prevent homelessness. It caters for a basic need and gives dignity. The state government needs to once again take responsibility for public housing rather than pass on the responsibility to community groups. It was a basic component of infrastructure provided by the ALP, this seems to now be unpalatable. Is it the modern face of neo-liberalism? Labor needs to take back the mantle of caring for those who need this infrastructure. The redevelopment of public housing estates has basic flaws. Firstly, they are creating ghettos. Secondly, it is disproportionately pandering to the developers. Why is the increase in public dwellings so small. In Carlton the increase was about 50 for public flats compared with 800 for the private sector. This is manifestly wrong. The government needs to commit substantial funds to meet the ever growing waiting list needs. This problem is now gaining the attention of the community and it is time an ALP government stepped up to the plate after twenty years of inadequate funding for this vital area which can prevent homelessness.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

Inquiries in domestic violence and mental health only serve to underline the need for public housing. no mealy mouthed statements about how the state doesn't do it well actually address the issue. Oswald Barnett knew how to do it and we can now resurrect his legacy

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