

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::

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

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

Concerned citizen

Are there any additional themes we should consider?

Impact of Police Checks as a barrier to employment leading to homelessness

YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

In my community I am aware of many people who are long term unemployed and relying on Newstart.. It is not possible for many to afford rent in many housing markets and leads to a range of unsatisfactory accommodation options

Many of these people have a "criminal" record -often minor misdemeanours ,some many years old.

The current practice now of many employers, recruitment agencies , labour hire companies of conducting police now as a matter of course means that there is a large group of often vulnerable people who , despite any amount of training and qualifications- will never be employed- will never be able to exist long - term on Newstart and will often not be able to afford accommoadtion.

The Victorian Government/Department of Justice needs to urgently review the Police Check system and have some measure of the impact this is having on people's ability to find suitable employment.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

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