

Submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Homelessness

This form was made by Council to Homeless Persons to support people who are or have been without a home to have their say in the Parliamentary Inquiry. It represents the personal views and experiences of the person filling it in. This form will be forwarded on your behalf to the Parliamentary Inquiry without alteration. You may also choose not to use this form and submit your view directly to the committee by emailing homelessnessinquiry@parliament.vic.gov.au

I have lived without a home or am currently without a home.

I request that this submission be kept confidential

I give permission for another person to submit this on my behalf *At*

Note: Parliament strongly prefer to have your contact details, but you may choose not to provide them.

Name: *Phillip Kelly*

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Address:

Email:

What would have ended my homelessness is:

- *Given the opportunity to access safe, affordable, clean social housing.*
- *To live in safe suburbs away from criminal activities*
- *Government to understand people and their problems, and provide better supports.*
- *Agencies to be transparent in process and assist with family issues.*

I might have avoided homelessness if the Government provided:

long term safe accommodation that protected me and my children.

- Agencies to be more proactive and assist families when they ask for housing assistance
- People to understand mental health, health issues, child protection and incarceration lead to homelessness, and not make judgement calls and refer people to private rental which I cannot afford.

What would you like to tell the Government about being without a home:

It's traumatic for myself and children.

No one understands when or how difficult it is to pay bills etc, living in a car or a dodgy motel full of drugs and prostitutes, and trying to keep your children safe.

- People treat you like a victim and an idiot because you are poor and homeless.

Thank you for taking the time to have you say to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Homelessness. This submission can be emailed to homelessnessinquiry@parliament.vic.gov.au or posted to:

Parliament of Victoria
Legislative Council, Legal and Social Issues Committee
Parliament House, Spring St
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002.

For more information on the submission and inquiry process see parliament.vic.gov.au/lsc-lc/inquiry/976