

## Inquiry into Homelessness in Victoria

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**Organisation:**

**Organisation position:**

**In order of priority, please rank the themes you believe are most important for this Inquiry into homelessness to consider:** Rough sleeping,Family violence,Public housing,Services,Housing affordability,Indigenous people,Employment,Mental health

**What best describes your interest in our Inquiry?** Public sector body ,Concerned citizen ,Other (please describe)

**Are there any additional themes we should consider?**

**Submission:**

- 1.)There are many successful housing groups in Victoria, who support LOW income earners, with a desperate need for affordable housing.Governments should set funds aside for housing.
- 2.)A direction for those who are constantly in rental arrears to have their rent paid directly from Centrelink, with no/ or strict opt out options.Any damage done to property to come out of centrelink payments or wages docked.
- 3.) Community living estates, to be run strictly by authorities, with guidelines, rules and support when needed, like a social worker within housing.

I can see why landlords put their rents up with the damage that is done to their properties, they need more support.

**Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?**

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