

## 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::**

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

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

An advocacy body ,Concerned citizen

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

### YOUR SUBMISSION

**Submission:**

As a young person living in Melbourne, I can't believe our progressive city has not found a long term solution of inclusiveness and opportunity for some of our most vulnerable. I believe that it should be a top priority for our government to take a strong stance on protecting our people and putting them in affective situations for recovery.

Mental health, family violence and stigma surround these people, that more than anything else just need our help. No one chooses to be homeless. No one chooses to be on the streets. It is statistically speaking people of low socio-economic backgrounds who are forced into this situation and especially for young women at night, it is just not safe.

I would put forward the ideas shared further by the World Economic Forum of container crates being used as temporary homes and a locker system for people to put their belongings in for during the day.

Welfare is just not enough and our public services are already under so much pressure. We need to connect these people back into our communities with open arms through sports and opportunities. The TED talk titled The Truth About Addiction by Johann Hari takes a facinating look at this issue - [https://www.ted.com/talks/johann\\_hari\\_everything\\_you\\_think\\_you\\_know\\_about\\_addiction\\_is\\_wrong](https://www.ted.com/talks/johann_hari_everything_you_think_you_know_about_addiction_is_wrong)

I am 17, I'm in Yr 12 in Melbourne and I care about these people. I want to act so that when I enter the workforce, we'll have new issues to deal about and not the inequality and social justice of the past.

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

I would love to be able to attend, be a part of the conversation and learn as much as possible

### FILE ATTACHMENTS

**File1:**  
**File2:**  
**File3:**

**Signature:**  
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