

## 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::**

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

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

Working in the mental health sector ,Working with Aboriginal Victorians ,Public sector body ,Concerned citizen ,Other (please describe)

Holistic health is of Great Concern as homelessness impacts in the overall health & well being of individuals, families seen in many instances family breakdown substance misuse/abuse, higher incarceration statistics, higher male and youth suicide. No proper adequate housing creates a myriad of social, physical & mental health ramifications which cost the state in more than dollars. It costs in lives, resources, dollars and our future. Being involved with Dept of Justice (Prison Mentor) attending prison mentoring and supporting our men is of great concern as it maintains the breakdown of families, communities and society for our people who've truly lived with this problem for so long it scares Me, it's kind of becoming almost second nature for Us Mob.

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

With regards to the high incarceration numbers we live with and high incidents of interaction with the Justice System, the judicial system Must begin to look below the surface at underlying issues and take into account issues in the internals of our people. You cannot remove culture, connection, spirituality from a People with the expectation of getting a reflection your ideology in who you are. The psyche, the internals, the culture are so very different. A complete complex cultural awareness in who we Aboriginals really are is a Must have, A MUST HAVE to even justify taking the path you seek. Respectfully, Alan T Coe

### YOUR SUBMISSION

**Submission:**

As stated at the Bairnsdale hearing unless Senators & Members of Parliament come and sit with us on our level, unless you all get the vision, externally, internally (Spiritually ?) socially of we as a people you can never really look to solve the issues and problems that are our lot (Costs Will Rise not just talking dollars here ok) then your visit was an exercise in bureaucracy and nothing more.

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

On the whole this is a very important issue which getting it right will save dollars, lives and communities, indigenous and across to social spectrum, understand there really is no room for failure. Thanks, ciao

### FILE ATTACHMENTS

**File1:**

**File2:**

**File3:**

**Signature:**  
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