

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

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

Working in Homelessness services

Are there any additional themes we should consider?

YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

I have worked as a volunteer with St Vincent de Paul Society since I was about 16. I owned 3 retail pharmacies and provided the Methadone Program in 2. For all that time (over 55 years) we have had substance depended people rough sleeping during the cold Melbourne winter sometimes even in the open. Such people unfortunately find that they need all of their money to stop withdrawal symptoms. We need to give them a basic form of accommodation long term for no charge. I think it is possible. Currently such people end up with no long term help from the government when they need it most

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

It is unfair that a person with a substance dependence needs to sleep roughly as free crisis accommodation is only temporary. They have a severe affliction and should get help from such an affluent community.

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