

# Home Time.

Fix housing for young people



## Join the national campaign to unlock Australia's housing system for children and young people with nowhere to live.

Nearly 40,000 children and young people aged 15-24 years-old are alone with nowhere to live each night. For most kids, home time is something to look forward to. For others, the end of the day means danger and uncertainty.

This includes over 9,500 children aged 15-17 who have no parental or carer support and are forced to move between refuges, couches and the street. Two-thirds of these children are girls who face additional risks of violence and harm.

Children lose their homes early in life due to extreme life events and trauma, including family violence, abuse, neglect and estrangement.

Young people who are First Nations, LGBTIQ+, from diverse cultural backgrounds, living with disability, or who have had contact with child protection services are over-represented among 15-24 year-olds without a home.

Australia's current housing system is structurally incapable of delivering enough safe homes and appropriate support for under 25 year-olds because:

- Dedicated youth tenancies are not built into our housing system and there is no mandate for youth tenancies in new housing investments and programs
- Young people do not have access to the linked support they need to establish a new home and work towards goals in areas like study and work.
- Housing providers are at a disadvantage when considering young people for tenancies due to lower rental income through the social security system.

**It is time to unlock our housing system for young people with nowhere to live. We need your support to advocate alongside young people for change.**



*Home Time is a national campaign supported by peak bodies, homelessness services, housing providers, community services and individuals. See [www.hometime.org.au](http://www.hometime.org.au) for a full list.*



## The Home Time action plan to fix Australia's housing system for young people

Home Time is proposing three urgent actions for federal, state and territory governments to unlock our housing system for children and young people.

1. Develop and maintain a national pool of 15,000 dedicated youth tenancies for 16-24 year olds
2. Provide linked support services so young people can pursue their goals and transition to independence
3. Address the rental gap to ensure viability for housing providers and landlords offering tenancies to young people who have been homeless

These reforms would be implemented in each state and territory to suit local needs based on evidence-based models of housing and support.

Together, they would change the course of life for tens of thousands of young people and deliver huge social and economic benefits to our community as a whole.

*“I tried to get help from all kinds of services, but a safe home just wasn't an option. I was 18, scared and completely alone.”*

*- Kaitlyne, 18 years old*

