

It is immoral + illogical to have children + young people in Australia experiencing homelessness. We need to act quickly to prevent more children + young people from falling through the gaps. Start with focusing policy + funding to families + young people + provide adequate housing

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We are hopeful:  
We are angry:  
We demand better:  
We want change:



Valuing Children  
INITIATIVE

To The Minister

In order to make change and systematic change; listen to the people; the workers in hospitals, streets, programs, services schools, day care, educational spaces.

Be curious and interested in developing safety not just in one silo (privilege) but all.

Be brave to change spaces that are hard to access or complicated to tackle.

"Children do not choose to be in ~~toxic~~ Poverty"  
Systems are failing our babies.

Ryiana  
Anglicare WA  
YES! HOUSING.

The impact of homelessness on children is huge. Homelessness affects children in every aspect - health, social, education and mental health. The target is for zero children to experience homelessness and this can only be achieved through change in policies and designing supports and services that are practical with the voice of those impacted.

Victoria  
~~Washorpa~~

Washorpa  
Multi cultural Futures-

Dear ~~Government~~ Minister (To whom  
may concern)  
The veil of secrecy is lifting, revealing  
the corruption that lies beneath. We  
see your attempts to trap us in a cycle  
of poverty that benefit your stakehold

We will not be silent. We will rise together  
make our voices heard and demand change  
we will hold each and every one of you  
personally accountable for the suffering  
inflicted upon us.

There will be safety there will be  
healing and there will be equity.  
Surviving will be a thing of the past  
and thriving ~~is~~ the way of the future.

Heed our warning.

Charlie Oshaid

Dear Minister,

Our children are struggling and it affects us all. The numbers tell a dire story, and without immediate, broadscale action things will only get worse. Behind each number is a young person, their family & their community impacted by this crisis. We need all parts of this community to come together to wrap around our children & put them at the centre. The numbers tell us that we need to put their...

- greater engagement in employment
  - and education making for a strong + productive workforce
  - huge savings in justice, health, mental services - health
  - thriving communities.
  - strong families not to act.
- The stakes are too high

Wign Sinclair  
and Futures

For our Children and young people  
to thrive and grow into fully functioning  
adults and communities we need to  
invest now.

Invest in wellbeing  
early education  
families  
wrap and support

Our Children and young people will continue  
~~to thrive and grow into fully functioning~~  
~~adults and communities~~  
if we don't  
change our systems and invest in...

Kristy McEachern

Mercy Care

Housing must be provided for Children & young people.

Housing/Rentals <sup>DoCH/Private</sup> Should only be charged at 40% of people's income.

DoCH should not be allowed to evict anyone from Public housing.

No Foreign, Interstate or Interstate Investments of WA property.

Indigo Junction  
Kryptik Address

Housing is a human right  
Children must be legally  
recognised as citizens  
and have the same right  
Until we move to  
government policy change  
to ensure every person  
has access to safe and  
affordable housing like  
in other countries.

NOTHING WILL  
CHANGE!!

DO BETTER.

Amber Lee - Indigo Junction .

- Homelessness + insecure housing is not due to individual failures

- Homelessness/insecure housing is systemic, pervasive, + anyone can be impacted

- These systems, + the legislation that underpins them have failed.

- 3000 children have been evicted from public housing due to these failures since 2016.

- The long term development of children + their families has been disrupted + destroyed by these failures.

- These failures are years. Fix your legislation + systems so:

\* All children are housed

\* Housing is a legally enforceable right

\* Families are housed + supported to stay in their homes

Indigo Junction.





MORE STICKS, LESS CARROTS!

source

- No evictions of children from public housing into homelessness
- Raise social housing targets
- end no ground evictions
- cap rent increases
- introduce a human rights act
- Raise CRA + other welfare benefits
- end CAP Discredit + Negative gearing
- introduce a human rights act



Dear Minister,

Our state is more than able to provide enough housing for its people without a roof over ones head, living and parents to be able to provide the social development and all health aspects of their children.

Review your plans and make children living without their basic needs being met. Make it your priority.

Heridi Centocare Mmbobka

## What's Wrong?

When programs are having some progress in reducing numbers and increasing positive supports for families - DON'T DEplete the funding every time there is a budget review or change of government. - BE consistent with support for services supporting homelessness.

What future should be?

financially viable programs established that can easily collaborate with supports for families particularly young people/children. Hopefully see increase in wellbeing of many people with better physical & mental health and financial stability.

Tara Farmer  
Centrecare - Perth.

Yo Minister,

Stop no grounds evictions in the public housing system. It is a fundamental human right to have safe, secure and stable housing, and as the Minister in charge of the largest housing stock in the State, you are the holder of this human right.

It is against the humanity of your constituents to deny them this right and then blame the victims of your poor policy decisions.

You can choose to be the hero of thousands of children in WA, or you can continue to perpetuate the ongoing abuse and traumatization of children and young people.

By strengthening legislation in public and private housing you can change the future of your state.

Be the hero in this story.

Sal

(agitator for change).

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- Holistic approach to supporting  
All members of the family experiencing  
homelessness.

- More preventative measures put in  
place.

- **COMPASSION** towards families.  
removing barriers, extending stays, free  
support,

- Collaborative govt depts  
sharing information, subcontracting

- CO-case management

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We must take a preventative, holistic approach to ending youth homelessness & poverty. This includes accessible public & private housing. Housing first.

Whole country approach to repairing the damage of ~~the~~ colonisation. \* ~~The~~ Fund programs to pay Aboriginal community members to look after community.

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• Low birth rate

• Ageing population

• Lowest <sup>Youth</sup> income rate

• Lack of development opportunities

• children are being abused on the streets when you have the power to stop it.

• Dark future ahead and dark future now.

• Lack of data/ understanding of Youth homelessness

• Lowest ability to access housing privately

or through government.

• Fund BNL database

• Co-Fund with organisations and families program for schools

• Stop evicting children from social housing because the centre link you give them is not enough.

• Raise income wage ~~cut~~ off.

• Open Covid facility for youth. → cheaper to move services than build a new facility

Cover  
• Poverty  
• what services are available  
• Respectful relationships

Vinnies - Harry Meevoy

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Dear Minister,

The barriers that I would like to see broken down are the barriers to adequate healthcare for your children. Children are being denied ~~denied~~ regular access to consistent healthcare due to the displacement experienced by homelessness. This includes access to dental care and education around the importance of personal hygiene. More funding needs to be delegated to non-profit organisations to help the younger generations to provide immediate early intervention before long term, unhealthy habits are formed.

in Porzio-Gosnell's Centre care.

Dear

John,

We talk about ending homelessness and there has been great investment in the last 2 years which has been greatly needed & appreciated.

Counting down to zero is the aim, but what if we also focus on reducing the number of young people entering homelessness. Stats show that a young person who has experienced homelessness is (%) more likely to experience homelessness as an adult.

We also need funding to provide preventative support to the young people on WA. Preventing homelessness within the youth population is not only a human rights issue but will reduce the overall homelessness population in years to come.

Kind regards,



Dear Mr. Minister.

Can you please listen to the people that do the work and collect the data and come up with strategies that are actually recommended and consulted on by people who are in the field on a daily basis. We need to prevent look at

Prevention rather than cures, break the cycle of inter-generational issues and homelessness. We need to do that with practical strategies, using a mix of both long and short term strategies.

Use holistic approaches designed to target the many many complex barriers that people face, often they are intertwined. Housing is a start, but without ongoing support, it won't be enough. Help the ones that need it now, provide

support for those who might need it soon, and provide education & a platform for people who may be at risk down the track.

Kind Regards

Clem, Centre Care

Dear Minister,

My hopes for the future of housing!

That housing becomes a human right & something we take seriously not just to win votes but for the humanity of people living in a wealthy country.

Housing instability will be addressed systematically; policy change will be enacted by listening to advocates for change. Transparent open policy decision making in consultation with all members of society.

Housing on its own without support is not the answer for all people in society. Invest in long term support, advocate for all people out of institutional systems. Ensure that there are pathways

Be brave with federal gov; people need more; Society deserves more.

Society deserves



• All children in Dept Communities  
OOHC provided housing on exit

- no child should 'age out' into homelessness

- child brought into care through circumstances not in their control, then being left without housing @ 18 and have been disconnected to usual community support

- Child protection leaving care is ineffective

- children in families without impacts of trauma not able to leave home @ 18 due to financial pressures / social / emotional needs → yet we expect children deeply impacted by trauma to move out by their 18th birthday - often losing connection to their caregivers.

- kids not able to focus on anything but survival.

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Dear Minister

We have the research, we have the data  
we have lived experience - you have  
everything at your fingertips, so  
enough of the delay in responding

Every child deserves to be born into  
a loving, caring, tender, precious &  
nurturing home.

Providing housing is simply bringing us  
back to the starting point. The real  
job is then ensuring that everyone  
lives free of abuse & dysfunction.

We as a whole & Govt. in particular is  
a million miles away from us  
living true society & community.

It's time to pull our heads out of the  
sand & get real. Roll up our sleeves

PTO

start working. There's work to <sup>do</sup> <sup>done!</sup>

recently we get off on talking about  
2 issues, <sup>we have been</sup> talking for a long time.

that if we like this poverty hole we have  
dig for ourselves. Do we really want  
to fill the hole & move on to what is  
next?

There are some, a small few, who are  
~~hope so~~  
waking to return our communities to  
their rightful place - where all live  
as amazing, lovable & valued  
members, please join us.

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- \* Current private rented system unsustainable - need long term leases - minimal rental payment / increase +  
 \* Need a national eviction scheme
- \* Unaccompanied children + young people experiencing homelessness  
 → raise the income + asset level for social housing  
 kept in poverty - i.e. unable to progress in work + being  
 kept social housing
- \* Complete overhaul of child + youth mental health  
 → easy access, intensive wrap around support  
 → continue to increase supply of social housing - need a  
 variety of options to suit peoples needs i.e. ~~not~~  
 mix of high + low density + individual properties  
 \* increase rates of youth detention - ~~proportion~~



- \* Please consider the lifelong impacts on these children and families, imagine if it was your children/nephew/nieces that were experiencing poverty + homelessness and the emotional impacts that would have on you and your family.
- \* We all deserve better and to have the right to safe housing to allow communities and the next generation to thrive, and not just survive.

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Missen Aufstadio.

Dear Minister,

We need more low barrier services! Young people are falling through the cracks. The most vulnerable children and young people are not getting the support that they need because these services do not exist. The very few low barrier services are ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> capacity and there is nowhere for these at risk children and young people to turn to.

Bella Jai / ACWA (TAAC)

Whats wrong?

We need more suitable, sustainable, accessible, affordable homes.

A home is so much more than a place to live. It's a connection to history, community, family + self.

How can we fix it?

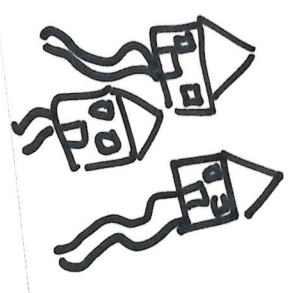
Provide access to multifaceted housing choices from crisis a/c to home ownership.

This does not just mean more houses. It means:-

- tiny homes - co-ownership - affordable
- Co-living - ...

- \* Innovative architecture .
- Proptech solutions
- Modular housing
- Temporary homes
- Homeless holiday responses .
- Reversed Proptech .
- Co-ownership tenancies
- MMOs .

- Daisy - Commuicare
- Square Abode
- Mortgage Nicks .



1) That all children in care need access to a placement (housing).

2. That support and early intervention is given to families.

Alannah Poy/05  
Mission Australia

I want to see a future where young people are not discriminated against in regard to housing and against complex needs e.g. alcohol, other drug use, mental health, other there are services available in a timely manner to support young people's complex needs while providing a safe environment.

Accountant

• Children in Department of Communities COHC been allocated with suitable housing upon exiting the system.

• YP/children in justice system been provided with education to support to prevent re-entering/re-offending.

• Better support systems for families / prevention from entering the system (COHC)  
- Children in COHC been able to leave their placement in their own time and through.

Mounta Bay'ille -  
Minty HA!

Dear Minister,

The rate of children experiencing or at risk of homelessness will only increase unless we as a society are brave enough to change in small ways.

1) Legislate that Department of housing cannot exist based on arrears under the cost of that family being homeless (approx. \$).

2) Unaccompanied children who are homeless need to be given housing as a right of law.

3) Fixed term tenancies with D.O.C.H need to not have no reason end of tenancies.

~~Very~~ kind regards,

Sam.

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"entrecare".