

A shared vision for housing in Victoria



CREATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Build 3,000 extra public and community housing properties each year

Such a building and renewal scheme is the minimum required to provide a housing safety net for the growing number of Victorians struggling to stay housed in private rentals.

Include public and community housing in new developments

Victoria builds 30,000 new units every year. Making just a few per cent of these units social housing would go a long way to addressing our housing crisis.

Update housing standards so new homes are age and disability-friendly

Very simple changes to the building code can make homes more easily adaptable to accommodate people's changing needs and abilities.

Reform property taxes to promote housing affordability

The move from stamp duties to a more progressive land tax should occur with appropriate concessions, exemptions and deferrals, particularly for low-income households.

END HOMELESSNESS

Stop homelessness before it begins

Deliver services to people as soon as their housing comes under threat, rather than waiting until they are living on the streets. This includes legal help, financial advice, drug and alcohol assistance and tenancy support.

Embrace a 'housing first' approach

A 'housing first' approach means offering people permanent and affordable housing as quickly as possible, combined with the multidisciplinary support required to stay housed and avoid becoming homeless again.

Don't leave people with nowhere to go

People shouldn't be allowed to leave hospital, prison or out-of-home care and enter into homelessness. Instead, people must be given sustainable and long-term housing options.

PROTECT FAIR RENTING

Streamline problem-solving in rental disagreements

A Housing Ombudsman should be established, to act as a more engaged, investigative and problem-solving regulator, overcoming the fear and complexity many people experience dealing with the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT).

Set a benchmark for safe, secure and liveable rental homes

Setting sensible health, safety and energy efficiency standards will systematically improve the quality of rental housing. This will improve the health and safety of Victorians renters, and help reduce their energy bills.

Prevent people being needlessly forced to leave their rental homes

Eviction should only be used as a last resort, when all avenues of saving someone's home have been exhausted.





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The best way to help someone achieve a good life is by finding them a safe place to call home.

Every other life achievement is built on this bedrock. Homes are places to raise our families, express ourselves and store our memories, and stay safe, warm, clean and healthy.

Yet, for many Victorians, this basic human need is a luxury they can't afford. Nearly 25,000 Victorians are homeless on any given night. Another million live in housing stress.

Rising rents and stagnant social housing growth have made the problem worse.

Creating **affordable housing**, ending **homelessness** and protecting **fair renting** gives every Victorian a better chance at a great life.

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