

What can I do?



Join the Everybody's Home campaign
<https://everybodyshome.com.au/>

You will be provided with information and actions that will help address the housing crisis.



Ring or email your State and Federal Members of Parliament

Tell them that we need immediate solutions to increase our supply of affordable housing:

- A monumental boost to social and public housing (building more public housing is an ideal economic stimulus activity)
- Inclusionary zoning legislation that requires a portion of any new housing development to be allocated to those awaiting this housing.
- Construction of innovative temporary accommodation that is safe and self contained.



Talk to your family, friends and colleagues about homelessness and the housing crisis



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Homelessness and the housing crisis in Melbourne's West





The housing crisis in Melbourne's West

We don't have enough affordable housing in the West.

- Rental vacancy rates are low and rents are high, so 51% of renters in the West are in financial stress.
- 42% of those with mortgages in the West are in financial stress - and interest rates are increasing.
- In March 2022, there were NO houses in the West that were affordable for someone on Newstart or Youth Allowance.
- There are 14,358 social housing properties occupied in the West, but there are still 9,708 people on the waiting list - and this number continues to grow.
- Plan Melbourne estimates that Melbourne will need an additional 1.6 million new homes by 2051.
- Melton and Wyndham are growing faster than anywhere else in Melbourne.
- **For years Governments have given tax concessions to people to buy 2, 3, 4 houses, rather than ensuring everyone has 1 home!**



When there is not enough housing, people become homeless.

- Nearly one quarter of people experiencing homelessness in Victoria are in Melbourne's West.
- In 2020/21 homelessness services in the West assisted 16,487 people.
- Nearly half those people exited back into homelessness or ongoing risk of homelessness because there is not enough housing.
- There are not enough homelessness services to provide support to everyone who needs it.