



Homelessness Australia

Creating a framework for ending homelessness

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WE ALL NEED TO PLAY A PART IN ENDING HOMELESSNESS

Homelessness Australia is today calling on all sides of politics to commit to ending homelessness in this country permanently.

“In a country as prosperous as Australia, it is incumbent on us to develop strategies and take decisions that reduce the serious social problem of homelessness”, said Ms Narelle Clay, Chairperson. “Many of the things that contribute to homelessness in Australia are things that governments can work to end”, she said

“Domestic and family violence, poverty, youth unemployment, housing affordability and family breakdown are all issues that contribute to homelessness. All of these can be addressed by governments over time”, said Ms Clay. “Currently we have a dedicated plan to work on all of these issues”.

“Committing to a long term target will galvanize our efforts to end homelessness. It will keep us accountable by showing the impact of what we are doing”, said Executive Officer Mr Simon Smith.

“Preventing people from becoming homeless and providing housing that is safe, secure and affordable is a human rights issue”, said Mr Smith.

“The current Federal government has given us an historic opportunity to reduce homelessness by 2020. We call on all sides of politics to work together to achieve this”, said Ms Clay.

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