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Budget empty handed for homeless Australians with mental illness

Today's Federal Budget has not provided any funding to support people experiencing homelessness and mental illness, said the Australian Federation of Homelessness Organisations (AFHO).

Despite specific recommendations of the Senate Select Committee on Mental Health, no extra funding has been granted for homelessness assistance services to meet the accommodation needs of people experiencing homelessness with a mental illness.

"There is a direct causal link between homelessness and mental illness which is not acknowledged by current funding models" said Jack Quinane, AFHO Executive Officer.

"AFHO believes that it is essential that homelessness service providers are equipped to recognise and respond to mental illness" he said.

"Many Australians are comfortable and doing well, and will now receive a few extra dollars. All Australians would support a fair go for people with a mental illness who are homeless", said Mr Quinane

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