

ELECTION '25 EVERYONE HAS A HOME

Current Situation

- 9,729 people are homeless in WA, up 8%*
- 2,315 people are sleeping rough (doubled in last 5 years)
- 34,000 people are waiting for social housing
- 56%+ increase in Perth's median weekly rent in last 2 years
- Zero private rentals are affordable for low-income families



Proposed Changes

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- Set a 6% social housing target of total housing stock
- More Youth Foyers and other accommodation for young people, linked to education & employment opportunities

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- Commonwealth Rent
 Assistance increased, and eligibility expanded to more households
- National Rental Affordability Scheme continued beyond 2026 to increase the supply of affordable housing
- Tax reform to property
 tax deductions and
 incentives to boost social
 and affordable housing
 as outlined in <u>Anglicare</u>
 <u>Australia's Widening the</u>
 <u>Gap</u> report

STATE

- Increase income eligibility and extend the grace period for social housing eligibility once household income rises above the limit
- Establish a WA Housing Future Fund providing a long-term funding pipeline for new social and affordable housing
- Reform the Residential Tenancies Act:
 - End no-grounds evictions
 - Introduce minimum standards for all rental housing including minimum energy efficiency standards
 - Establish rent price stabilisation or capping system
- WA Rent Relief Program extended in time and to include boarders and lodgers
- Create a Rental Affordability Scheme in WA similar to the national scheme