

**Title of Resolution:** Social housing and local and regional support networks to address homelessness.

***Wording of Resolution:***

VIEW Clubs of Australia call on the Federal Government to increase funding for social housing. Local and regional support networks to address homelessness, the housing crisis as it affects the needs of women and families.

***Rationale:***

A state -wide housing crisis has shown no sign of improving in 2022. The existing reduced supply of affordable accommodation, Interstate immigration and rental increases continues to impact women and families who need secure shelter, irrespective of income or age bracket.

Around 62,300 children aged 0-14 received specialist homelessness services in 2020-21. Research continues to highlight a need to,

- Develop and implement a national plan to address housing affordability and homelessness, including targets for at-risk groups.
- Invest in 10,000 social housing units over a two-year period under the proposed Social Housing Acceleration and Renovation Program at a cost of approximately \$3.5 billion
- Create a housing capital aggregator to leverage government co-investment and attract private sector investment into social and affordable housing.
- <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-02-01/regional-queensland-rental-crisis-worsens/> <https://www.missionaustralia.com.au> QCOSS

***Arguments for the resolution:***

- All women, families and children have the right to inclusive, safe, secure and affordable, housing choices that meet their needs.
- An increased supply of safe and secure accommodation enables community involvement and promotes mental health.
- Positive mental health in women, families and children enhances social and emotional resilience and subsequently enhances management skills and self-reliance.
- Social housing can provide people on a low income with a living space at an affordable rent.
- It can help to avoid poverty in all age brackets and in addition assist in the regeneration of both rural and metropolitan areas that are struggling with the devastating impacts of Covid and Climate Events.
- It may stimulate work opportunities and encourage upskilling and certification of the workforce.
  - <https://environmental-conscience.com/> Australia's children. Web report. Last updated: 25 Feb 2022. The Brotherhood of St Lawrence. <https://womenshousing.com.au/>

***Arguments against the resolution:***

- Affordable social housing needs can be socially and economically expensive.
- It leads to concentrations of socially deprived areas associated with crime.
- It is better met through private investment rather than governments.
- Women and children should be more self-reliant.