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COMMUNITY SAFETY IN REGIONAL AND RURAL COMMUNITIES

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Homelessness and family violence leads to all manner of complex damaging side effects

These are the core issues that lead/push young people to use other coping strategies that lead to more harm including substance use criminal activity such as stealing and other street crimes. Damaging peer behaviors are primarily supported through social media and gang mentality.

Everyone including adolescents need a safe stable place to live.

This is the foundation for a healthy productive life within society

Without a home it is impossible to put any other strategies in place to redirect and support young people to a healthy and hopeful mindset free from the stress of trying to just survive or not care about their future.