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STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ISSUES

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Parliamentary inquiry opens into homelessness amongst older people in NSW

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The NSW Upper House Standing Committee on Social Issues has commenced an inquiry into homelessness amongst older people aged over 55 in New South Wales.

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Social Issues, the Hon Scott Barrett MLC, commented: "Older people rely on housing for their health and wellbeing, but there are concerns homelessness is on the rise for this very demographic. This inquiry will examine the rate of homelessness and factors affecting the incidence of homelessness among older people, as well as impacts on health and wellbeing and challenges in navigating homelessness services."

"In addition, the committee will examine opportunities for change and improvement to address this important issue, including around early intervention, services to support older people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, options to better support older people to obtain and maintain secure accommodation, and best practice approaches in other jurisdictions. Data collection will also be a key focus", the Chair continued.

The committee is due to report by 30 September 2022.

Have your say

The committee is keen to hear from stakeholders and members of the community. Submissions can be lodged online and close on **29 May 2022**.

For more information about the inquiry, including the committee membership and the terms of reference, and to lodge a submission, see the [inquiry webpage](#).

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