

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO SOCIAL, PUBLIC AND AFFORDABLE
HOUSING**

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1. (a) I support the building and continuation of Public Housing managed by the Government and NOT just limited to people of the greatest need. Currently, it provides shelter for many, including the Elderly and disadvantaged and this should continue.

2. We need Public Housing for those that cannot afford to pay the prohibitive private rents.

3. The Australian Government as does. all Governments, have a duty of care to protect the disadvantaged. Sadly more and more Public Housing is disappearing at an alarming rate.

Is there anyone listening?

4. The Government seems to focus too much on how much rent/water they can charge the Tenants, rather than providing decent and suitable homes.

5. Rent and water is constantly rising and impossible to budget.

Taking a percentage of the Federal Carbon Supplement for rent is so wrong.

Because the Government cannot balance their budget, it is not the tenants fault. The rent went up a few years ago and 1% was meant to go toward maintenance but it hasn't happened.