

**INQUIRY INTO HOMELESSNESS AMONGST OLDER  
PEOPLE AGED OVER 55 IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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I'm 69 and after a lifetime of working and paying taxes, a Parkinson's diagnosis meant I had to leave work with average super that is being currently eroded in the volatile economy. Also, renting as a single woman in a terrifying rental market. The years ahead look perilous rather than comfortable. I would like to emphasise the urgent need for a specialist of older persons info and support service. Also a massive social housing program with one bedroom units prioritised for older women pushed out of the expensive private rental market and a significant increase in centrelink's rent assistance to match market rental hikes. I urge these be given priority as older people have limited time left especially if health issues are involved. I would like my remaining years to be spent in secure affordable housing however humble instead of fear of the future marked by homelessness and poor health. Please take us off the edge and keep us in the heart of the communities we love.