

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

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I am deeply concerned about people aged over 55 experiencing homelessness.

We know the cost of living is rising and people are falling behind.

People on the Central Coast, particularly older women are struggling to put food on the table, to cover the cost of their medical bills after Medicare cuts, and to meet rising rent prices.

Rising incidences of domestic violence had likely forced more older women into homelessness.

As a child I had the experience of domestic violence in my family life and I understand the difficulties which can last a lifetime.

We should be looking after those who are vulnerable, not pushing them further into the risk of homelessness.