



## Invitation to Participate: National Alliance of Seniors for Housing (NASH) Organising Committee

Many older people are living in expensive and unsuitable housing, and may be at risk of homelessness. Housing for the Aged Action Group want to hear from older people who want the government to take action on this issue.

We invite you to be part of the National Alliance of Seniors for Housing (NASH) organising committee. NASH is a HAAG working group that includes representatives from across the country who share experiences from their state or territory. The group advocates for older people's housing justice at a national/Commonwealth government-level.

The aims of NASH are to represent the voice of older people across the country, who have experienced or are in housing stress, to challenge myths and assumptions about older people who are at risk of homelessness, to raise awareness of housing stress and homelessness for older people in the community and to advocate for a service which can help older people who are in need of affordable housing.

### About us:

Housing for the Aged Action Group (HAAG) is a member-based, not for profit organisation that specialises in the housing needs of older, low income people.

### About you:

We are seeking people aged over 45 years old, from a range of backgrounds and life experiences. If you have ever struggled to pay rent or a mortgage, wondered where to go for help, had to move many times, received an eviction notice, relied on friends and family for a place to stay, lived in poor quality housing, or otherwise been homeless or at risk of homelessness we want to hear from you!

### What's involved?

We will ask you to attend a meeting once a month for six months with up to 12 other people. The meeting will be online so that we can include members from across the

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country. The meeting will take no more than 1.5 hours. During the discussion, your information will remain private.

The meeting will be facilitated by a staff member and notes will be taken, but there will be no identifying information shared outside the group (unless you want to share your story publicly as part of our advocacy work). We will ask you to sign a Code of Conduct and agree to group rules, which include respectful communication and privacy.

### **What are the benefits of taking part?**

Your insights and experience are very valuable. You will contribute to our 'advocacy strategy' and actions, which will help to improve government policies around housing and older people and increase support for older people in housing stress. You can connect with others who are housing advocates in their community. You will also receive training on the following topics:

- Working with the Media
- Advocacy (Advocating for political change)
- Telling your story safely and effectively

### **Count me in!**

Please send your expression of interest to [rebecca.cook@oldertenants.org.au](mailto:rebecca.cook@oldertenants.org.au), including your phone number and short explanation of your interest. We will then be in contact with you to discuss next steps.

For more information about HAAG go to [www.oldertenants.org.au](http://www.oldertenants.org.au)