



## Taking the pledge to address housing stress and homelessness

New research shows conducted by Housing for the Aged Action Group shows that the housing circumstances for people aged 55 and older is getting worse<sup>1</sup>. We are calling on all Local Government candidates and Councillors to ‘take the pledge’ to address the housing crisis.

**Name:**

**Local Government Area:**

If elected, I will:

- Recognise that housing solves homelessness,
- Advocate for a growth in public and community housing, and other low-cost housing for people over 55 in my area, and
- Stand up for housing as a human right and recognise that public and community housing is core infrastructure that strengthens our community and allows older people to “age in place”.

**Signed:**

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<sup>1</sup> Housing for the Aged Action Group, Decades of Housing Decline: 2011 & 2021 Census Analysis Queensland, 2023, accessible at: <https://www.older tenants.org.au/publications/decades-of-housing-decline-2011-2021-census-analysis-queensland> Swinburne University, University of Western Sydney, Curtin University.

Ways that Local Government can help solve the housing crisis:

- Work with Federal and State Government to coordinate the provision of more public, community and affordable housing,
- Advocate for mandatory inclusionary zoning,
- Scope land within each LGA that has the potential for the development of more public, community and affordable housing,
- Educate local residents on the importance of diverse housing, including low-cost housing, for social cohesion and to end homelessness,
- Co-ordinate and provide services for low income tenants, including residents of caravan parks, residential parks, public and community housing, and
- Maintain local data about housing issues and regularly make this public

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