

A NATIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR HOUSING

This 10 year, 10 point National Action Plan has been developed to enable the Commonwealth Government to lead the development of a national focus on housing reform.

A consortium of peak bodies, housing agencies and housing academics collaboratively developed the plan at a Housing Symposium in Canberra on May 17. The experts used the recently developed *Towards a National Housing Strategy* and the 15 recommendations it contains as the basis for addressing problems across the housing continuum to resolve Australia's current housing crisis.

Objective

The Symposium agreed a single overarching objective for the National Action Plan for Housing.

To create a housing system which guarantees as a basic human right to every member of Australian society, access to 'adequate housing' as defined by the United Nations.

(United Nations. Habitat III Issues Papers; No 20- Housing United Nations, 2015).



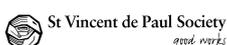
Towards a National Housing Strategy provides greater detail of why these actions are necessary and how they might be achieved. The peak bodies, housing providers and academic experts involved in the process of developing these documents also invite the Commonwealth Government to engage with the expertise and experience of civil society in achieving a comprehensive program of housing reform.

Copies of the *Towards a National Housing Strategy* document and this *National Action Plan* can be downloaded from compasshousing.org/towards-national-housing-strategy
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10 REQUIRED CORE ACTIONS

The Action Plan calls for the Commonwealth Government to undertake these 10 core tasks.

1 ACTION ONE

Establish a bi-partisan commitment to create and maintain the role of a dedicated, single portfolio Minister for Housing for at least 10 years, supported by the necessary institutions such as a reinvigorated National Supply Council.

2 ACTION TWO

Engage in a national program of house building to achieve 500,000 new homes across all tenures by the end of the 10 Year National Action Plan for Housing, including a target of 300,000 social and affordable homes.

3 ACTION THREE

Eradicate social housing waiting lists by the end of the 10 Year National Action Plan for Housing.

4 ACTION FOUR

Enact legislation and fund associated policy to recognise access to housing as a basic right and to reduce homelessness to residual levels by the end of the 10 Year National Action Plan for Housing.

5 ACTION FIVE

Establish a national minimum housing quality standard to which all social and affordable housing should comply by the end of the 10 Year National Action Plan for Housing.



6 ACTION SIX

Establish a program of Commonwealth Government land transfer within a master-planned process, to develop mixed tenure housing supply.

7 ACTION SEVEN

Work with States and Territories to develop a national standardised approach to inclusionary zoning which identifies a minimum proportion of affordable and social housing for all new developments.

8 ACTION EIGHT

Support the introduction of an affordable housing financial intermediary by establishing a loan guarantee mechanism to attract institutional investment into the market.

9 ACTION NINE

Initiate a major independent review of housing investment and rent subsidies including Commonwealth Rent Assistance, capital gains tax exemptions and negative gearing to establish a more equitable distribution to avoid rental stress on low income families. Renters should not pay more than 30% of their income in rent.

10 ACTION TEN

Establish a national framework and target for transfer of at least 50% of public housing to community housing providers in all States and Territories by the end of the 10 Year National Housing Action Plan. Transfers should be either with title or minimum lease periods of 30 years.

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