



COVID-19

Recovery and homes for all



Jobs + Home + Recovery

We can prevent and respond to homelessness with an economic stimulus package that creates jobs, gives people a home and opportunity to rebuild their lives.

Unite and Recover: Housing and Homelessness Package

» **Construction jobs**

Invest in construction of 1000 homes (individuals and families).

» **Not-for-profit jobs**

Invest in community based healthcare and community services.



The Housing First approach involves connecting up housing supply and matching healthcare and community services to meet the needs of individuals, women and children, and families.



THE PRINCIPLES

Secure and affordable housing with tenure • Dignity • Diversity
Safety and security • Tailored support • Human Rights
Coordination of housing, healthcare and community services.

We put these principles into measurable and evidence-based action by using the **Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT)**. Front-line workers complete this survey with participants to prioritise support and identify population trends.



THE SURVEY

• **725** adult individuals, with **60%** rough sleeping

• **264** families with **392** children

were surveyed May 2019 – May 2020 by members of the Brisbane Alliance to End Homelessness.



THE EVIDENCE

The data collected through the VI-SPDAT indicate the levels of need for a **COVID-19 Recovery and Homes Assessment Plan**.





INVESTMENT According to the evidence, these are investment priorities.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing and Response

- 24%** identified as Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander or both.
- 30%** of Heads of Household identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Initiative governed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander orgs in Brisbane...

- » Experienced in providing services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experiencing homelessness.
- » Supporting families/family restoration.
- » Using integrated community controlled health services that understand cultural needs and support healthy aging in place rather than on the streets.



Mental Health and Substance Use

- 208** people reported being taken to hospital against their will.
- 79%** had at least one mental health condition.
- 65%** had experienced trauma.
- 56%** used substances.

- » Community-based assertive outreach team.
- » Mental health/alcohol and other Drugs psycho-social support with homelessness hubs in Brisbane.
- » Mental Health/AOD housing plan.



Families and Children

...spent on average **3.2 years homeless**.

In the 6 months prior to the survey...

- 9%** had a child removed by child protection services.
- 11%** had a child living separately with another family member.
- 77** had a tri-morbid family member.



Targeted family housing + wellbeing services.



Social and Supportive Housing

- Families**
- Women**
- Health**
- Justice**
- Corrections**
- Child safety**

61% of individuals and **72%** of families identified multiple needs with **high acuity scores**.

Sustaining Tenancy Strategy

- » 500 social/community households across Brisbane with community services to sustain tenancy.

Supportive Housing Partnerships

- » 500 purpose-built supportive housing units addressing specific population needs across Brisbane.

Combination of short-term strategies

- » Private rental subsidy.
- » Purchase sustainable units.
- » Construction of new units.



Healthcare and Community Services

61% of individuals and **55%** of families disclosed having a chronic health condition.

Integrating healthcare, housing and homelessness services.



Disability and Accessibility

9% of individuals and **5%** of families have a physical disability that limits mobility.

Accessible/supportive housing + services.



Women's health, safety and security

219 individuals and **81** families disclosed having experienced Domestic Violence.

Specialist Domestic Violence and Housing Mobile Support Service



- » Maintain the BrisbaneZero Know-by-Name List.
- » Develop a transparent, evidence-based Brisbane City housing plan.