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Australian Alliance to End Homelessness statement on Australian Labor Party's Housing Australia Future Fund

The Australian Alliance to End Homelessness (AAEH) offers the following comments on Labor's Housing Australia Future Fund announcement.

David Pearson, CEO of AAEH states:

"The Australian Alliance to End Homelessness welcomes the Labor Party's announcement of a \$10 billion Housing Australia Future Fund.

Our response to COVID-19 has shown that ending homelessness is possible but needs leadership, which the Labor Party has demonstrated with the creation of this fund. Now, we call on the Morrison Government to match this important commitment.

We especially welcome Labor's commitment to a \$30 million investment for housing and specialist services for veterans who are experiencing homelessness or at-risk homelessness. In the USA, twelve communities have now ended veterans' rough sleeping homelessness and achieved an overall 50 per cent reduction in veteran homelessness since 2010. With funding, we can achieve the same outcomes for our veterans here in Australia."

About the Alliance to End Homelessness

<u>The Australian Alliance to End Homelessness</u> (AAEH) is an independent champion for preventing and ending homelessness in Australia – starting with rough sleeping homelessness. The AAEH supports Australian communities to individually and collectively end homelessness. Specifically, they work with local communities at all levels to ensure everyone has access to safe and sustainable housing services and that any incidents of homelessness that do occur are rare, brief and non-recurring.