

The Hon Steven Marshall, MP
Premier of South Australia
South Australian Government
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25 February 2022,

Dear Premier,

We write to you regarding our shared ambition to end homelessness in South Australia.

We welcome the SA Government's commitment, through the SA Housing Authority's Strategic Plan, to achieve functional zero rough sleeping state-wide by 2025.

In partnership with the government, the establishment of the new Alliance model across the state will aid towards achieving this commitment, but alone – and within current funding commitments - these Alliances will not be enough.

We strongly hold the view that the 2025 target is highly achievable, and we believe that South Australia can continue to offer national and international leadership on the important issue of ending homelessness.

Adelaide is consistently recognised as one of the most liveable cities in the world; we are committed to building on that liveability by seeking to lift the social safety net in Adelaide and South Australia off the street and into housing.

Your support in re-signing the IGH Vanguard State agreement in the lead-up to the election is a powerful statement and we thank you for confirming the joint commitment of your government, the IGH, local governments, business and the sector working in partnership towards this shared ambition.

We write as organisations committed to playing our part in the collective efforts needed to end homelessness in South Australia, and we call on your government to:

1. Support the implementation of the Vanguard State Agreement recently signed.
2. Provide 'backbone' funding for the South Australian Alliance to End Homelessness (SAAEH), to support the implementation of Advance to Zero methodology across South Australia through the new service delivery alliances, for the life of the strategy.
3. Commission a whole-of-state government taskforce to aid in the inter-departmental coordination efforts.
4. Fund the implementation of the Dame Louise Casey IGH Review Recommendation for a Rough Sleeper Coordinator.
5. Support the implementation of the systemic and service recommendations in the Aboriginal Mobility Data Report.
6. Trial a new allocation process of existing supportive housing properties via the Alliances' By-Name List and allocation systems. This will improve the current existing discretionary housing allocation process undertaken by individual community housing providers.
7. Expand access to permanent supportive housing based on what Quality By-Name List data demonstrates is needed to end chronic rough sleeping homelessness in SA.
8. Commit to increased investment in social housing.

We also wish to make it clear that there is a need for additional funds on top of that already allocated through the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement (NHHA) to support the immediate priorities 1-6 as well as the longer-term needs 7-8 listed above.

We acknowledge and thank your government for the strong support for people experiencing homelessness during COVID-19 lockdowns, the nation's first establishment of Alliance models for service delivery, and the recent allocation of funding for 12 months to the Adelaide Zero Project and to establish SAAEH.

Premier, thank you for your consideration of these matters. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

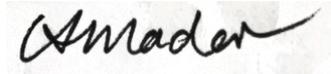
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On behalf of the following organisations:







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