**MEDIA RELEASE**

**DATE OF VISIT [Day, DD Month 2020]**

 **[MP title and name] visiting [organisation] to address rough sleeping homelessness in [electorate]**

[MP Title, Name] is meeting with [organisation name] today to understand and discuss approaches to ending rough sleeping homelessness across the [electorate] electorate.

The visit is part of a national campaign, Homes beyond Covid, to drive evidence-based and sustainable policy change that will end rough sleeping homelessness across Australia.

The campaign, organised by the Australian Alliance to End Homelessness (AAEH), calls for collaborative action across the homelessness support services sector to find permanent housing and support for everyone sleeping rough or in motels placements due to COVID-19.

With [number of rough sleepers] in [state], [organisation] and the AAEH say that the scale of homelessness is both preventable and solvable.

In the first eight weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic, amongst the communities that the AAEH works with, over 5,000 people who were sleeping rough or at risk of sleeping rough were temporarily sheltered. This campaign was developed to ensure that these individuals and others are not pushed onto the streets during the recovery phase of the crisis.

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