

National Housing and Homelessness Plan Issues Paper Submission

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City Community Services and
Culture Committee

Strategic Alignment - Thriving Communities

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek a Council decision on a submission to the Australian Government on the National Housing and Homelessness Plan Issues Paper (Issues Paper).

The Australian Government is developing a National Housing and Homelessness Plan (the Plan) in collaboration with State and Territory governments. The Plan intends to consider the housing system as a whole to improve housing outcomes and help address homelessness in Australia. The Plan will set out a shared vision to inform housing and homelessness policy in Australia over the next 10 years.

To inform the development of the Plan, the Commonwealth Government released an Issues Paper with an overview of some of the known issues in the housing and homelessness systems and posing a series of discussion questions.

The issues paper acknowledges current State Plans, which includes the current South Australian Government policies; Our Housing Future 2020-2030, Future Directions for Homelessness Strategy and Aboriginal Housing Strategy 2021-2031.

Consultation on the Issues Paper opened on 7 August 2023 and closes on 29 September 2023.

The City of Adelaide's (CoA) draft submission addresses the discussion questions, including the roles of all tiers of government across the housing spectrum.

RECOMMENDATION

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 26 September 2023 for consideration

THAT THE CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CULTURE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL
THAT COUNCIL

1. Endorses the City of Adelaide Submission on the National Housing and Homelessness Issues Paper contained in Attachment A to Item 3.2 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of the City Community Services and Culture Committee held on 19 September 2023.
 2. Authorises the Lord Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to make minor amendments, if required and submit the City of Adelaide Submission on the National Housing and Homelessness Issues Paper contained in Attachment A to Item 3.2 on the Agenda for the Special meeting of the City Community Services and Culture Committee held on 19 September 2023.
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IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Thriving Communities Council will create a city that is welcoming, inclusive and accessible to all. Support health and housing for vulnerable people and young people.
Policy	The submission draws on Council's adopted policy and advocacy positions contained in its Homelessness, Social Housing and Housing Affordability Policy as well as work in progress to update Council policy statements for Housing and Homelessness.
Consultation	Council Members were provided an opportunity to input into the draft submission. Administration and AEDA Administration input is captured via submissions earlier this year to the Parliamentary Inquiries into Housing Availability and the Worsening Rental Crisis.
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Not as a result of this report
Opportunities	A submission to the National Housing and Homelessness Plan Issues Paper is an opportunity to advocate for Council's housing and homelessness policy positions.
23/24 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 24/25 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Not as a result of this report
23/24 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of a submission to the Australian Government on the National Housing and Homelessness Plan Issues Paper (Link 1 view [here](#)).
2. Submissions opened on 7 August 2023 for any person or organisation wishing to provide input into the development of the National Housing and Homelessness Plan.
3. Council Members were invited to provide preliminary feedback to develop the draft City of Adelaide submission on 15 August 2023.
4. The Issues Paper poses the following questions for consideration:
 - 4.1. How can governments and community service providers reduce homelessness and/or support people who may be at risk of becoming homeless in Australia?
 - 4.2. How can governments, across all levels, best work with communities to support better housing outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?
 - 4.3. How can all levels of government, along with housing organisations, institutional investors, not-for-profits, and private industry, improve access to social housing, which includes public housing and community housing?
 - 4.4. What should governments, private industries, the not-for-profit and community sectors focus on to help improve access to housing and housing affordability in the private market?
 - 4.5. How could governments work better with industry, community services and other organisations to improve housing outcomes for all Australians?
 - 4.6. How can governments and the private and community sectors, help to improve sustainable housing and better prepare housing for the effects of climate change?
 - 4.7. Is there anything else you would like to tell us.
5. With the focus of each question on the roles and opportunities for all tiers of government, the submission provides an opportunity for CoA to highlight:
 - 5.1. Work that we are already doing, including facilitating programs for vulnerable people in the city (including people experiencing homelessness) and contributions to housing supply (both indirect and direct);
 - 5.2. Where assistance is needed from higher levels of government, including additional social housing and changes to tax measures to incentivise housing provision;
 - 5.3. Opportunities for the future, including work being developed through the CoA Housing Strategy and Homelessness Policy that are currently under development.
6. The submission has been informed by recent submissions to State and Commonwealth Parliamentary inquiries, the Lord Mayor's Homelessness Round Table, Capital City Committee Adaptive Reuse Forum and Council's Discussion Paper – Developing a sustainable model to support people experiencing homelessness in the City.
7. The submission aligns with the progress on the draft Housing Policy that will be presented to the City Community and Culture Committee on 3 October 2023.

Next Steps

8. The next steps include:
 - 8.1. Pending Council decision on the draft submission, it will be submitted to the Australian Government by 29 September 2023.
 - 8.2. Written submissions may be published on the Department of Social Services website.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 [Developing the National Housing and Homelessness Plan | engage.dss.gov.au](#)

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Draft Submission on National Housing and Homelessness Issues Paper

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