

Persistence of Poverty in a Decade of Growth.

A report just released by NATSEM confirms that more Australians are living in poverty than 10 years ago.

Key Findings:

- In 2000 13% of Australians (1 in 8) were living in poverty
- compared to 11.3% in 1990.
- Sole parents remain the group most at risk of being in poverty
- 1 in 5 single people now live in poverty
- 57.5% of unemployed people now live in poverty
- Men now have a higher poverty rate than women
- NSW was the state with the highest poverty rate of 13.9%
- Tasmania's poverty rate was 10.5% the lowest after NT & ACT
- In 2000 17.5% of Australian are in after-housing poverty, versus only 13% before housing cost are considered.

Stats & Facts

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We need a combined voice
and co-coordinated approach
to shape the future of
housing policy in Tasmania.

Join Shelter now.!!

Shelter State Budget Submission for 2002-3

Recommendations:

- Establishment of a Private Rental Bond Board
- Create an Independent Appeals Tribunal
- Increased funding for the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement including ongoing State matching funding.
- The State Government commits to an Affordable Housing Strategy for Tasmania.
- Project to examine sustainable landscaping practices for Public housing

Effects of Breaching on Housing?

In the last year in Australia a total of \$170 million in income for welfare recipients was lost due to breaching. With people who are in vulnerable housing being disproportionately affected.

Last year in Tasmania \$2.7 million was 'saved from breaching' by the Commonwealth but was a loss of income to this State. There are additional costs for the individual and the wider community yet to be measured.

Loss of income effects:

- Ability to pay the rent, leading to insecure housing or no housing at all, thus no base to seek employment from.
- Increase burden on welfare agency and emergency relief service to make up the gap.
- Community services have reported break down of family relationships and share households due to the impact of breaching.
- Loss of income to the social housing sector.

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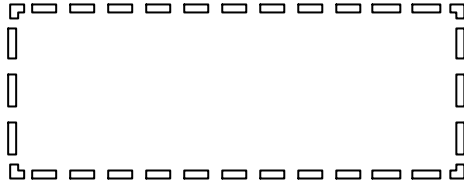
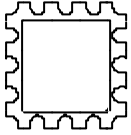
Shelter Tas will be represented on the New Statewide Committee.

This committee will meet next year to oversee the implementation of the changes.

Housing will become a more a pressing issue for SAAP services. **Where are the exit points?**

We seek your feedback.

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Membership Benefits

- ⇒ Bi-Monthly Info Sheet of short, sharp, sticky snippets of housing info (“**Shelter Shortz**”)
- ⇒ Regular meetings, linking with those interested in housing matters as well as information sharing
- ⇒ Invitation to Shelter Tas’s **Issue Based** meetings
- ⇒ Policy Papers based on the Issue Based Series
- ⇒ Quarterly **National Shelter Broadsheet**
- ⇒ Regular updates on housing policy and related issues
 - ⇒ Project specific reports continue to be produced as needed
 - ⇒ Member Skills Register
 - ⇒ Access to Shelter Library and National Network
 - ⇒ Board Membership Eligibility



Next Shelter Meeting

Tuesday
11th December
@ 5.30pm
@ The Shelter Office.

Agenda Highlights

Budget Submission
Planning for the new year including issue based meeting.

All welcome

Seasons Greeting -Welcome to the First Edition of Shelter Shortz

With a New Year just around the corner it’s a perfect time to release the first issue of Shelter Shortz. Shelter Tas’s increased funding this financial year will enable us to better represent the community sector and to promote the importance of housing. Public policies and programs that seek to ensure adequate and equitable access to affordable, appropriate, and secure housing are a critical part of broader strategies to reduce poverty, improve living standards, and create sustainable communities. Communities and their governments cannot realise broader social policy goals without a solid performance in the housing area.

The housing issues of low income and disadvantaged people urgently need a stronger community voice. With your input and support Shelter will make sure you have one. Shelter’s ability to achieve results in improving housing in Tasmania is dependent on the support of a wide cross section of community members and organisations willing to be active on housing issues.

If you are not already we encourage you to become a member of Shelter to assist us in our work.

Look forward to working with you in the New Year. Lisa Roberts (Chair)