



HOMELESSNESS IN QUEENSLAND

In the lead-up to the Queensland election we are asking our members right throughout Queensland to carefully consider their vote, particularly in relation to the views held by candidates on housing and homelessness issues in Queensland.

The Social Action Office in 2003 was one of the research partners in a significant piece of research on *family homelessness*.¹ The following questions arise from the recommendations emanating from this research and are critical policy issues that must be addressed if family homelessness is to be reduced in Queensland.

As a candidate, would you take a few moments to provide a response to the following questions?

1. Do you believe that to address homelessness, the State must increase (not wait for the Commonwealth to do so) its level of funding for public housing?

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2. Will you, as my elected representative, work to improve the level of assistance offered to tenants who incur debts with the Department of Housing – assistance that is equitable and consistent? And how will you ensure this happens?

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3. What will your party do to make sure there is a workable integration between SAAP and the broader housing sector?

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¹ *More Than Just a Roof*: http://www.sao.clriq.org.au/publications/homelessness_report.pdf

4. At the local level, vulnerable and “at risk” tenants have to be intentionally and consistently supported. What structures would you put in place to make this happen?

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5. To maximise the use of resources and personnel State-wide, a well coordinated and resourced referral system for homeless persons needs to be quickly put into place. Will you ensure this happens?

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Your feedback, along with that of other candidates, will be passed onto all our members in your electorate and in other parts of Queensland.

Please email your response to annette@sao.clriq.org.au or fax it to 07 3891 6944 as soon as possible.

With thanks

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