



A Workshop for Older People

Issues and Opportunities in Older People's Housing

We are seeking your organisation's support to enable older people to attend this important forum.

National Shelter and Shelter SA are inviting older people to attend a workshop on housing issues and opportunities. The workshop will be held at:

**Crystal Room, Stamford Plaza Hotel, 150 North Terrace, Adelaide
May 26th 2009
from 1.30 to 3.30 pm**

The Federal Government has funded this workshop to give older people a chance to communicate their ideas, concerns and aspirations with government at this critical time.

Older people in Australia are facing a housing crisis, recent research shows there are over 112,000 older people in housing stress and this number has grown 100% over the past 4 years.

There are now opportunities to begin to tackle this problem. The Federal Government has recently allocated \$6.4 billion for 20,000 new social housing units and has separately committed to developing 50,000 new affordable housing dwellings through the National Rental Affordability Scheme. These developments combine to form a *once in a generation* investment in social housing.

The challenges and opportunities facing older people are huge and we need older peoples' input to assist us to influence the government's response. The forum will also provide the latest detail on the government's social housing funding initiatives.

**We hope you are able to identify older people that would be interested in attending this workshop, and pass this invitation on to them.
Attendance will be limited to 50 people.**

FREE EVENT Afternoon tea provided

For further details please ring Roland on 0407 556 520.

**Please RSVP to cheryl.shepley@sheltersa.asn.au
Or call 8221 6488 by May 22nd**

**National Shelter Roundtable Forum
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Draft Agenda
1.30 to 3.30**

Older people in Australia are facing a housing crisis and there are now opportunities to begin to tackle this problem. The Federal Government's 20,000 new social housing units and the National Rental Affordability Scheme combine to form a *once in a generation* investment in social housing. We need your input to assist us to influence how these opportunities are realised.

1.15 to 1.30pm Registration & coffee	
1.30 to 1.45 Adrian Pisarski Chair, National Shelter	A New Era in Social Housing? Overview of the \$6.4 billion Stimulus Social Housing Package and the National Rental Affordability Scheme.
1.45 to 1.55 Invited Older Person	If an older person has been invited to speak on their views... this may be a good time on the agenda, it not the workshop will give plenty of time for all to contribute.
1.55 to 2.15 Roland Naufal	Developing a Policy Response The outcome of the National Shelter research: the situation confronting people on low incomes, older people and the homeless. Outline of the potential policy response
2.15 to 2.30	Afternoon tea
2.30 to 3.30 Facilitated workshop with documented outcomes	Issues and Opportunities in Housing for Older People: How can we respond?