



# 10-Year Strategy on Homelessness

We're developing a new 10 Year Strategy on Homelessness for Western Australia

*Your input is important and valuable to us*

We are hoping to better understand your experience and your story

## **Please note**

- Participation is voluntary.
- Participation will not affect your involvement in any homelessness programs.
- You may withdraw at any time.

## **What you need to know**

- You will not be identified as having participated in this consultation if you do not want to and any comments will be made anonymous.
- If we want to use your personal story or photo, we will first ask your permission to do so.

## **Contact**

The 10 Year Strategy Homelessness team:

[homelessness.strategy@communities.wa.gov.au](mailto:homelessness.strategy@communities.wa.gov.au)

## **Benefits to you**

- While you may not gain a direct benefit from engaging in this consultation, your feedback and insights about homelessness in Western Australia will provide benefits to other Western Australians who are experiencing homelessness.
- Your insights and feedback will be taken on board to create a more sustainable, person centred homelessness service system that will benefit all Western Australians who come into contact with homelessness services.

## **If you need to further debrief or discuss issues raised**

- If issues are raised that you wish to discuss further, we encourage you to contact either your counsellor or another 'trusted person'. Alternatively, we could provide you with the names of a psychologist or counsellor at a community-based agency near you.



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### **About the strategy**

The Department of Communities is leading development of the 10 Year WA Homelessness Strategy across government. The Strategy will drive the creation of a whole of government homelessness service system that is integrated, person-centred and reflects a deep understanding of individual experiences of homelessness.

In doing so, the Strategy will look at homelessness in a broader context alongside other areas of Government and mainstream services, including health, mental health, education and justice, to ensure a collaborative and coordinated approach to addressing and preventing homelessness.

Work on the development of the Strategy is underway and we are aiming to deliver a draft Strategy by the end of 2018.



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**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE COMMUNITIES OFFICER**

### **INFORMED CONSENT**

- I have read the Plain Language and Informed Consent information and the nature and purpose of the consultation has been explained to me. I understand and agree to take part.
- I understand the purpose of the consultation and my involvement in it.
- I understand that I may withdraw at any stage and that this will not affect my service from this agency or program now or in the future.
- I understand that information may be published but that I will not be identified and my personal results will remain confidential.
- I understand that the files relating to this consultation will be stored in a locked filing cabinet at the Department of Communities and that only the officers on this project will have access to it.

If you agree to take part in an interview, please sign your name below and return to the Department Officers for safe-keeping.

Name of interviewee (first name only): .....

Signed.....Date.....

If you would like to provide your consent to use your photo and/or story please provide your details:

Full Name: .....

Best Contact Number: .....

Email Address: .....

We are hoping to better understand your experience. Please tell us whatever you would like to share. Here are some questions to guide your input:

1. How you became homeless?
2. What the current services do for you?
3. How can we make the system better for you?
4. If you could say one thing to the people writing the Strategy, what would you say to them to improve the lives of homeless people in Western Australia?



# Your story and experiences

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