



Morning Session A

Discussion Paper 1

A Vision - What is our vision for the Framework?

CHALLENGE OUTLINE:

1. Stable secure housing is the basis for all social investments and lifelong self-determination.
2. Demand for housing in the Aboriginal community is driven by:
 - a. The youthfulness of the population;
 - b. Relatively younger ages for partnering and having children;
 - c. Higher rates of relationship breakdown;
 - d. Priority needs driven by higher rates of family violence, contact with the justice system, larger family size, greater incidences of mental health and disability, and the emergence of an ageing population.
3. Only 43% of Aboriginal Victorians own their home compared with 68% of Victorians overall.
4. Between 27-35% appear to be in private rental (compared with around 25% of Victorians overall).
5. For most Australians the majority of their wealth is banked in their house, which can then be transferred to future generations. This in turn impacts on home ownership rates amongst younger generation Aboriginal people.
6. As a result of all of these factors Aboriginal households as a proportion of all households in public housing has risen from 3% in 2014 to 4.3% in 2018.
7. Waiting lists for social housing continue to grow and growth in social housing supply is negligible.
8. Unsurprisingly homelessness rates (as measured by clients receiving homeless services) are 11.4 times higher than the general community.
9. Housing policy in Australia and in Victoria is underdeveloped and has received little attention until very recently. The Aboriginal Housing and Homelessness Framework is the first attempt to develop an integrated way of tackling improved housing outcomes for Aboriginal Victorians.



POSSIBLE RESPONSES:

1. The primary objective of the Aboriginal Housing and Homelessness Framework is to improve housing outcomes for all Aboriginal Victorians across their life course.
2. This session aims to:
 - a. Draw on participants' experiences, wisdom and aspirations to develop a **vision** for Aboriginal housing and homelessness.
 - b. Identify how the vision can be **communicated** and **advocacy** for improved Aboriginal housing outcomes progressed.
 - c. Identify issues related to overarching **governance mechanisms** and provide advice on options that ensure buy in from all parties and support collective responsibility across all sectors.
3. As work on the Framework progresses, and with the benefit of the thinking coming from other Summit workshops, the vision will be further tested and refined.