



Shelter WA Update

November 2010

Shelter WA Submission to the Department of Planning & WA Planning Commission - *Directions 2031 and Beyond*

Shelter WA is drafting a submission to the WA Government Department of Planning and the WA Planning Commission to comment on the Central Sub-region Strategy draft report and the Outer Metropolitan Perth and Peel Sub-regional Strategy draft report of [Directions 2031 and beyond: metropolitan planning beyond the horizon](#). According to the Department of Planning website, *Directions 2031 and beyond* recognises the benefits of a more consolidated city while working from historic patterns of urban growth. Importantly, the policy sets achievable goals that will promote housing affordability over the longer term. Directions 2031 addresses urban growth needs and also takes into consideration the need to protect our natural ecosystems. The framework provides for different lifestyle choices, vibrant nodes for economic and social activity and a more sustainable urban transport network. The framework will also encourage a long-term approach to the provision of infrastructure in an economically sustainable way. Further information is available at www.planning.wa.gov.au. The submission is due on 29 November 2010.

If you wish to provide input into Shelter WA's submission, comments to research@shelterwa.org.au by 22 November 2010.

Shelter WA Forum

Housing Economics and Planning: Local responses to the need for affordable housing

18 November 2010, 10am-12:30pm at Claisebrook Lotteries House, 33 Moore Street, East Perth.

Join us for a workshop to discuss strategies for the successful delivery of affordable housing. We'll explore planning tools designed to deliver a vibrant, diverse and affordable housing market. This will be an interactive workshop, designed to draw out specific issues of interest to participants and generate ideas about responding to the housing needs of today's households, planning for the housing needs of the future and supporting local communities and businesses.

Speakers and topics are:

Dr. Steven Rowley, Director of the Housing and Urban Research Institute of WA

Housing Economics: The costs and benefits of delivering affordable housing

Dr. Shane Greive, Lecturer in Urban and Regional Planning at Curtin University

Effective planning mechanisms to promote diversity in housing size and cost

Julian Wright, Senior Strategic Housing Officer with the City of Perth

Implementing local housing initiatives: Affordable housing for key workers in the City of Perth

Attendance is by registration only (no cost) . RSVP to research@shelterwa.org.au. Further details are available in the attached invitation, on our website www.shelterwa.org.au or [here](#)

Shelter WA Submission to the Community Development & Justice Standing Committee

The Community Development and Justice Standing Committee have recently commenced an Inquiry into the adequacy and future directions of social housing in WA. The Inquiry builds on the work previously undertaken by the Social Housing Taskforce. Shelter WA has been invited to respond to the Terms of Reference and is currently working on a submission due on the 12 December 2010.

If you wish to provide input or discuss Shelter's submission please contact Bronwyn Kitching, Executive Officer at Shelter WA on 9325 6660 or email Bronwyn@shelterwa.org.au by 3 December 2010.

DesignBuild Seminar Series – Speaker Presentations

Bronwyn Kitching, Shelter WA, Executive Officer presented at the DesignBuild Seminar Series, *Affordable Housing, the Tyrannies of Fringe Development and Other Considerations* session on Wednesday, 3rd November 2010. Other panel members and speakers included Kieran Wong from CODA; and David McLoughlin from the Department of Housing

The following speaker presentations are available on the Shelter WA website:

[Shelter WA Executive Officer, Bronwyn Kitching presentation](#)

[David McLoughlin Affordable Housing urban planning and design presentation](#)

Homelessness Connect Perth 2010

Are you homeless or without secure accommodation? Get connected

9 am – 3pm, Wednesday 17th November 2010

At the Rotunda Russell Square and the Hellenic Community Centre, Parker Street, Northbridge

Homeless Connect Perth is a one day, one-stop-shop of service provision to homeless guests.

Its goal is to facilitate access to a range of services that will ultimately assist guests who are experiencing disadvantage to find new pathways and connections. The event will bring together government and non-government agencies, businesses, special interest and community groups and individuals, all volunteering their services free for the day.

The City of Perth and Volunteering WA in partnership with over 50 service providers and 150 volunteers take pleasure in presenting this day and in inviting you to come along to the launch.

RSVP to: Maurene Palmer by Monday 15 November, T: 9482 4333, E: maurene@volunteeringwa.org.au

National Shelter Marginal Housing Tenures Project

This project is designed to provide background for the development of a Shelter position on “marginal” forms of housing, including:

- Caravan parks
- Boarding houses in various forms including:
 - supported accommodation
 - “traditional” boarding houses
 - newer forms of housing which are aimed at the market niche previously occupied by boarding houses
 - forms of unregulated housing such as low end student accommodation.

The background to this work is that these forms of housing have been under threat, particularly in urban areas, for a number of years. This piece of work aims to:

- document what is known about the current state of supply in these key housing sectors including new trends in the industry (both good quality and problematic housing)
- document what is known about the residents of this accommodation and the reasons they end up in this housing
- summarise the policy responses to these issues currently being undertaken by State and Territory governments
- identify some key policy ideas for addressing issues in this space including:
 - ideas for increasing supply and reversing the trend towards loss
 - ideas and proposals around regulation and consumer protection
 - models for provision for some of the key target groups who are affected by the decline of these housing forms.

This is a very large topic and while there are some common issues nationally, both the regulatory environment and the program responses vary between States and Territories. This project will only present an initial overview of these issues, and identify potential directions for further work.

Shelter WA is currently working with the Tenants Advice Service and other interested organisations and individuals to explore the issues around Boarding and Lodging, and consider consumer protections for residents of these forms of housing, investigate models for regulation and licensing, raise awareness and public support. If you have a story or issue, ideas, experience or suggestions to improve this largely neglected housing sector let us know: bronwyn@shelterwa.org.au

WA National Youth Week Grants for 2011

National Youth Week 1 - 10 April 2011. Funding of up to \$1,000 is available for organisations to host a National Youth Week event. Download the [guide](#) and [application form](#) here. The closing date for applications is **12 November 2010**.

Perth Rally to Protect the Kimberley – Save The Kimberley

Save The Kimberley supports The Wilderness Society and the Protect the Kimberley alliance in organising a rally in the heart of WA Premier Colin Barnett's electorate of Cottesloe.

Indigenous Custodian and Save The Kimberley Chairperson Neil McKenzie will speak at the rally and there will be a live music and a Save The Kimberley information stall, along with information and speakers from WA's leading environment groups. There will be face painting and a range of entertainment.

When: November 28th, 2010 @ 11am

Where: Cottesloe Civic Centre, Main Lawns (Napier St. entry), Perth

Wear: Your Save The Kimberley T-Shirt and/or Red or Orange coloured clothing

This is your chance to show your support for the long term protection of the Kimberley's culture and environment. The event will be family friendly and open to everyone who cares about the future of one of Australia's most valuable cultural assets and biodiversity hot-spots. A place of inspiring beauty and unspoiled nature the Kimberley is must be protected for all our future, not squandered for the short term profit of multi-national corporations.

Bring a placard or message – be inspired by the [Broome community rally!](#) Join the [Save The Kimberley Face Book page](#) to stay up to date. Not in Perth? – think about organising a community rally or event in your town or city, we are available to offer advice and support, see the [Songs For The Kimberley](#) event planned in Melbourne for inspiration.

Website: www.savethekimberley.com

New Shelter WA Fact Sheets

Shelter WA added two new fact sheets to its website:

The [Community Land Trust Fact Sheet](#) provides a brief overview of community land trusts and their potential to deliver affordable housing in WA.

The [Social Housing Fact Sheet](#) contains key statistics on public and community housing, and links to community resources.

Aboriginal Health Incentive Program Free Information Session and afternoon tea

The City of Belmont and Canning Division of GPs invite service providers to attend an information session about the Indigenous Health Incentive Program. This information could be of benefit to Aboriginal people who access your service. Afternoon tea and networking will follow the information session.

Tuesday, 16 November 2010, 2pm to 3pm

RSVP to Kat Pinder on 9477 7148 or email pinder@belmont.wa.gov.au by Friday, 12 November 2010.

WA Hoarder & Squalor Focus Group

Are you a case worker or working in an agency dealing with compulsive hoarders and people living in squalor?

Compulsive hoarding is a perplexing and confounding problem for afflicted individuals, their families and communities. This is the first group to meet in WA to discuss this issue, exchange ideas regarding this complex problem. The group is comprised of community and government agencies working in collaboration with one another for the purpose of helping local communities develop a multidisciplinary coordinated response to hoarding and squalor issues.

17th November 2010, 9:00am to 10.30am. Conference room - Department of Housing, 42 Queen Street Fremantle

Contact: ian.jorritsma@housing.wa.gov.au 9432 5303 or Tede@fremantle.gov.au 9432 9790

Australian Institute of Urban Studies (AIUS) Forum

Small is the new big: Has the McMansion had its day?

'Our society's desire for more space seems insatiable. The large house with pool rooms, home theatres, gymnasiums, studies, 4 bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms now appears to be "standard" for new and old home buyers alike.

But are there clouds on the horizon for the McMansion? Do demographic changes that see an ageing population, growing numbers of single person households & "empty nesters", the rising of cost of running homes, transport costs, environmental pressures and increasing population growth spell the demise of the McMansion?

Or are changes in our culture, our society, our technology, our habits, our wealth and the potential of new building technology creating a future where the McMansion is here to stay?'

Thursday, 18th November, 4 - 7 pm. For more details contact the Australian Institute of Urban Studies (WA Division). PO Box 784, Subiaco WA 6904 E: admin@aiuswa.org.au W: www.aiuswa.org.au

Tenants Advice Service WA, State Tenancy Conference

A Conference about matters related to tenancy issues - such as tenancy law, advocacy and support of tenants. For those who provide tenancy support, advocacy, consumer protection, information or advice on anything to do with tenancy.

7 & 8 December 2010, Ibis Hotel, 334 Murray Street, Perth.. [Registration details](#)

ARAFMI WA Invitation - Aboriginal Mental Health Carers Referral Pathway

Aboriginal people using Aboriginal ways of working by helping and supporting Aboriginal Carers and their family who are caring for a loved one with mental illness

Arafmi invites you to a **special lunch gathering** to discuss better ways of linking Aboriginal Carers to Arafmi's Aboriginal Family / Carer Support Worker and to establish ongoing referrals through partnerships with all service providers.

Guest Speakers: Mike Seward, Arafmi Executive Director and Michael Mitchell, SIMHS Program Manager & Arafmi Board member

Date: Tuesday 30th November 2010

Time: 11am, Lunch provided

Venue: Arafmi - 182 Lord Street Perth, Conference Room

For catering purposes please RSVP to Mary Ford on 9427 7100 or email: mary.ford@arafmi.asn.au by C.O.B: Thursday 25th November 2010.

Anglicare WA Christmas Giving 2010

Anglicare WA is running the Christmas Giving program again this year from the **14th through to the 16th of December**. Please give the following information to any clients that will benefit from participating.

Clients will need to book an appointment to receive a Christmas hamper by phoning Anglicare WA on **9263 2111 only**. The phone line will be open from **8.30am until 4.30pm Monday to Friday from the 8th of November until the 19th of November**.

Clients will need to provide the following details to book an appointment:

- Name
- Client Reference Number (CRN)
- Phone Number
- Number of family members
- Full address including postcode
- Children's age and gender

Children aged 0 – 12 years will be given a small gift, 13 – 14 year olds will be provided with a voucher

20th Annual Silent Domestic Violence Memorial March on 24 November, 2010.

Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services

10.30am Wednesday 24th November 2010 (March begins at 12.00noon)

Stirling Gardens, St Georges Tce, Perth

SILENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MEMORIAL MARCH - *ONE DEATH IS TOO MANY*

The Silent Memorial march is held each year to commemorate and honour people who have died in the past 12 months from family and domestic violence related incidents. Each year between 18 and 24 people are murdered in Western Australia by a member of their family. Domestic homicides account for a quarter of all homicides in Western Australia. Most commonly this is women being killed at the hands of their partners.

This year marks the 20th Anniversary of the Silent Memorial March. Over this time, since the march began, we have remembered too many people who have needlessly lost their lives to family and domestic violence in Western Australia. We would urge as many people as possible to attend, to show the strength of community support for ending violence amongst families and to convey the message that one death is too many. The march is an opportunity to raise community awareness and reflect on violence issues that are unfortunately all too common in our society.

Please join us on Wednesday 24th November 2010 in the Stirling Gardens for the march through the city malls. Refreshments and key representatives from the field will be speaking on family and domestic violence from 10.30am with the march commencing at 12.00noon.



IDAS Forum 2010 – Growing Stronger ‘As Advocates’

The Individual Disability Advocacy Service (IDAS) invites you to our bi-annual regional training forum. The forum is packed full of training and networking fun over two days.

TOPICS

Who is my client? The legal spin on instructions from a client (and confidentiality issues) where those instructions are given by a parent, carer, guardian, support worker or some other third party.

Does my client have capacity and does it matter? Identifying whether a client has capacity, the obligations that arise when you believe your client does not have capacity and what options are available (including legal options).

Get into gear! Tackling brain strain, anxiety and serious issues of self health when assisting clients with a disability in an under-resourced position.

Gabble on. A discussion of the values and attributes of disability advocates, humanity, respect and understanding in an expanding sector.

When and where

15 November 2010, 9am -4pm

Freehills, QV1 Building, Lev 36 250 St Georges Terrace

16 November 2010, 9am-12:30pm

FaHCSIA building 12th Floor, Central Park Building, 152-158 St Georges Terrace.

RSVP Essential - Limited positions. Phone: 6253 -9500 or Email: idas@sscls.asn.au

Flinders University 2010 Homelessness Research Project

The Flinders University of South Australia has been funded by the Commonwealth Government to carry out research into the delivery of services to homeless people. In brief, their research aims to identify what assistance works well for which homeless people and why.

Services to Homeless People – What works, in what circumstances and why?

The research project seeks to gather information from service evaluation or assessment reports in order to draw out information about what aspects of service provision have worked well for homeless people, in what circumstances and why they are regarded as successful. The qualitative work will be based on information (from the last five years or so) provided to them by organisations assisting homeless people with accommodation and/or social support services. The research project team believe evaluation and similar types of reports may have the capacity to broadly contribute to sector knowledge about service models and approaches to preventing and responding to homelessness.

The research project team is hopeful that accommodation and social support services across Australia will help by providing them with a copy of their recent evaluation reports for inclusion in the project. The research project team are keen to talk with accommodation and support providers across Australia about their project. If you have an evaluation report you can provide to them or know of someone else you think they should talk with please contact eleanor.button@flinders.edu.au or contact Eleanor by phone on 0438 200 905.

Homelessness Australia -Policy Paper Input Sought

Homelessness Australia (HA) has been asked to produce an evidence based policy paper on the topic of preventing exits into homelessness from the following settings:

- Foster, out of home and other statutory care
- Juvenile Justice
- Correctional Facilities
- Primary Health and Mental Health facilities

Homelessness Australia proposed the adoption of a ‘No Exits’ policy from those settings in its 2007 election platform and it was adopted by the Australian Government in The Road Home in December 2008.

Input is being sought from Homelessness Australia members, in particular from those who work with clients who are all too frequently exited from those settings into homelessness. HA needs examples of where efforts to prevent exits into homelessness are working well or of programs that are ensuring that people are not exited into insecure, tenuous accommodation or homelessness. Conversely, examples of clients who are discharged from these settings with either no or insufficient planning for accommodation post-institutionalisation are also needed. Please provide feedback to Travis Gilbert, Policy and Research Officer, Homelessness Australia, policy@homelessnessaustralia.org.au



Media Statements/Releases

[New development opportunity to take Karratha closer to a city of 50,000](#) *Brendon Grylls, 10 November 2010*

[Karratha receives housing boost with 100 new residential lots now available](#) *Brendon Grylls, 10 November 2010*

[New centre provides a boost for building and construction training](#) *Peter Collier, 10 November 2010*

[Innovative, affordable housing for northern suburbs](#) *Bill Marmion 10 November 2010*

[200th house completed under Royalties for Regions scheme](#) *Brendon Grylls & Bill Marmion, 9 November 2010*

[1,000 new homes on track for Christmas](#) *Bill Marmion, 5 November 2010*

[Complete house and land packages released in Kalgoorlie-Boulder](#) *Brendon Grylls, 5 November 2010*

[State's biggest regional land survey is under way](#) *Brendon Grylls, 4 November 2010*

[Exciting redevelopment for Claremont North East Precinct](#) *Colin Barnett, 3 November 2010*

[Applications flood in as first homes become ready for Karratha service workers](#) *Brendon Grylls, 3 November 2010*

[Population slump creates buyer's market](#) *Real Estate Institute WA (REIWA) 5 November 2010*

Shelter WA Affordable Housing Online Survey

What housing issues are you most concerned about? Shelter WA is conducting a survey about affordable housing needs, the impact of housing stress, and recommendations to the government. Click here to fill out the [Affordable Housing Survey](#).

Shelter WA is offering a one year complimentary membership for anyone who completes the survey.

Conferences and Workshops

Australia New Zealand Third Sector Research (Sydney) 15-16 Nov [Conference](#)

Homeless Connect Perth 17 November [Info](#)

Australasian Housing Researchers (Auckland) 17-19 Nov [Conference](#):

Suicide Prevention (Brisbane) 17-20 November [Conference](#)

Scarlet Alliance National [Symposium](#) (Sydney) 23-25 Nov

International Human Rights Day 1 December [Info](#)

International Day of People with Disability 3 December [Info](#)

[White Ribbon Day](#), International Day of the Elimination of Violence Against Women, 25 Nov

[International Human Rights Day](#) 1 Dec

[International Day of People with a Disability](#) 3 Dec

Tenants Advice Service WA, State Tenancy [Conference](#) (Perth) 7-8 Dec

