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NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ON HOMELESSNESS

WA IMPLEMENTATION PLAN



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- The Department for Child Protection is responsible for frontline response and funding for homelessness and domestic violence
- Expertise in supporting people and delivering client focussed services to support people who are at risk of, or experiencing homelessness and domestic violence



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- New Commonwealth/State National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA) commenced 1 January 2009
- SAAP services now funded under NAHA
- In WA, \$40 million per annum in 2009 for 137 NAHA homelessness accommodation and support services



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- December 2008, Commonwealth Government released White Paper: *The Road Home*
- COAG established the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness - \$800 million nationally



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- July 2009, Australian and Western Australian Governments contribute \$135.1 million over four years to reduce homelessness
- Substantial contribution towards achieving the interim targets to reduce homelessness



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- Homelessness NPA provides the essential support for people housed in new properties to ensure homelessness does not re-occur and links in with:
 - Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan
 - Social Housing



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- Joined up approach between homelessness and mainstream services:
 - Child Protection
 - Housing
 - Mental Health
 - Drug and Alcohol
 - Corrective Services
 - Centrelink
 - Education and Employment Services



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Funding - \$135.1 million

- Homelessness NPA \$100.9 million:
 - \$53.8 million for new support initiatives
 - \$30.7 million capital and land for new properties
 - \$16.4 million recognising current State commitment for financial counselling and HUGS in supporting people at risk of homelessness



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Funding - \$135.1 million

- Homelessness NPA \$34.2 million for *A Place To Call Home*:
 - \$ 31.7 million for capital
 - \$ 2.5 million for support



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A Place To Call Home

- 33 social housing properties in the metropolitan area
- Properties will house people on the Department of Housing Priority Wait List
- Targeted support services for the first year
- Tenants maintain tenure in dwellings once support is no longer provided



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A Place To Call Home

- A *Foyer* development providing secure housing and on-site support services for around 100 young people including 35 young people who are experiencing homelessness



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Homelessness NPA

3 Key Strategies

- WA Implementation Plan initiatives framed around three key strategies:
 - Early intervention and prevention
 - Breaking the cycle
 - Improving and expanding the service system



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Early Intervention and Prevention

- **Support for private and public tenants to help sustain their tenancies:**
 - 2 existing private rental support services will be expanded and 3 new services established
 - 10 new specialist support workers for public housing tenants at risk of eviction will provide assistance with managing budgets, developing homemaker skills and linking clients with mainstream services



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Early Intervention and Prevention

- **Support for people leaving child protection:**
 - Provide independent living options and skills to assist young women to live independently long term
 - Specialist housing support worker for young people leaving child protection care incorporated into *A Place to Call Home – Foyer*



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Early Intervention and Prevention

- **Support for people leaving corrective services facilities:**
 - 5 new specialist housing workers to assist people reintegrate into the community and maintain stable housing
 - Support to sustain stable tenancies through maintaining appropriate standards, complying with community based dispositions, engage in education and training programs, link with recreation activities and increase social networks



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Early Intervention and Prevention

- **Support for people leaving mental health facilities:**
 - 8 new specialist housing workers to assist people leaving mental health services to access and maintain permanent housing



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Early Intervention and Prevention

- **Services to assist people with substance abuse issues to access and maintain stable accommodation:**
 - 10 new housing support workers for people with drug and alcohol issues
 - Provide intensive support targeted at people with substance abuse issues to access and maintain long term stable accommodation



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Early Intervention and Prevention

- **Support for women and children experiencing domestic and family violence to stay in their home:**
 - Safe at Home specialist workers to assist women and children to stay in their own home where it is safe to do so
 - Risk assessment, security upgrade and safety planning to ensure confidence and safety
 - Link with mainstream services to assist and maintain stable housing
 - Responses for perpetrators to maximise safety for women and children



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Early Intervention and Prevention

- **Support for women and children experiencing domestic and family violence to stay in their home:**
 - On issue of a Police order, follow up, telephone contact and support through referrals is provided during the period of the order or on the next working day
 - Linking women and children experiencing domestic and family violence with support following removal of the perpetrator



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Breaking the Cycle

- **Street to Home for Chronic Homeless People – Assertive Outreach:**
 - 3 new outreach teams to work directly with rough sleepers – two inner city and one in Fremantle
 - Outreach teams develop a relationship with people sleeping rough, gaining confidence and trust
 - Outreach teams support rough sleepers to access mainstream services and stable accommodation



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Breaking the Cycle

- **Street to Home for Chronic Homeless People – Mobile Clinical Team:**
 - Assertive outreach teams supported by a specialist mobile clinical team for mental health and drug and alcohol assessment and treatment and referral to mainstream services



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Breaking the Cycle

- **Street to Home for Chronic Homeless People – Supported Accommodation:**
 - Long term stable accommodation in inner city Perth and Fremantle for rough sleepers
 - Redevelopment and transformation of two existing crisis accommodation services
 - Provide wrap around services and long term supportive housing using Common Ground principles



Breaking the Cycle

- **Assistance for homeless people, including families with children to stabilise their situation and to achieve sustainable housing:**
 - 17 new specialist homelessness accommodation workers
 - Provide intensive support and link with mainstream services to secure and maintain stable accommodation
 - Proactively liaise with community housing providers and property managers in the private sector to source suitable properties for long term housing



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Breaking the Cycle

- **Outreach programs to connect rough sleepers in remote areas to long term housing and health services:**
 - Assertive outreach support for rough sleepers
 - Provide support to rough sleepers in remote areas - Goldfields and Kimberley to secure and maintain stable accommodation



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Breaking the Cycle

- **Support for children to maintain contact with the education system:**
 - Strengthen responses for children in NAHA funded Domestic and Family Violence accommodation refuge services
 - Improve integration with mainstream services including schools, child care and health professionals
 - Child support workers are supported and provided with training to improve outcomes for children



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Breaking the Cycle

- **Support for children to maintain contact with the education system:**
 - Expand support services for children in family homeless accommodation services with a focus on improved educational outcomes



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Improving and Expanding the Service System

- **Support for people with exceptionally complex needs:**
 - Provide a co-ordinated response for people with exceptionally complex needs involved with disability, mental health, drug and alcohol and justice systems
 - Ensure accommodation needs are met and improve well being and quality of life



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Homelessness NPA – WA Initiatives

- Investing in services to intervene early and prevent the cycle of homelessness
- Walking alongside and providing support to achieve long term stable housing
- Integrated and better connected mainstream services
- No wrong doors
- Flexible, responsive approach



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Sector Engagement

- Workshops and consultation to fine tune:
 - Service models
 - Service specifications
 - Brokerage support
 - Evaluation and reporting



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Lotterywest

- Lotterywest supports eligible organisations providing homelessness services
- Committed to supporting the Homelessness NPA



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