



# Shelter WA Update

## August 2008

### **WACOSS Election Campaign Launched**

WACOSS launched their special election campaign on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> August 2008, with their State Election website. Please visit <http://www.wacoss.comfypage.com/> to:

1. Vote for a Fairer WA
2. Compare political party and WACOSS social policy
3. Sign online 'Fairer WA for All' petition
4. Download the WACOSS campaign poster for your display

WACOSS has a vision for a Fairer WA, where all people to be able to pay a full and active role in their communities by socially included. In the lead up to the State Election, WACOSS will present the poll result and petition to the media and all political parties to drive social policy changes.

ACOSS is also conducting a campaign to encourage the Federal Government to adequately fund the Public and Community Housing that needs to be delivered to address the affordable housing problems across the country. Please see the Australia Fair website for more opportunities and to find template letters to forward to your local federal member, the Treasurer and the Prime Minister

### **SBS *Insight* requests for case studies**

Last week, Bronwyn Kitching, Executive Officer of Shelter WA, was approached by Georgie Wiles, a researcher from SBS television program, *Insight*. *Insight* will cover housing issues with particular interests in WA because of its unique economic situation. Georgie, hoping to include some issues and case studies for the program, is asking for anyone who is interested in having their say and telling their story.

Issues and case studies they want to cover are:

1. People who are struggling to pay mortgage or cover their rental costs
2. People who are sharing or taking in lodger to cover their housing costs – creating ways of dealing with increased costs of living
3. People who feel there is no safety net for them and that they are or may soon be homeless
4. People moving back in with their parents at a large stage due to housing costs

Georgie can be contacted on 0422983226. For further information about the program, please visit <http://www.sbs.com.au/insight/>. The program is to be filmed on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

### **The Creating Room in the Boom (CRiB) Campaign Pledge**

The Creating Room in the Boom (CRiB) Campaign has so far attracted over 70 pledges to be sent to the State Government. If you still have not signed it, please fill in the pledge at the Tenants Advice Service website <http://www.taswa.org/crib/index.htm/> and send it to us either by fax (08) 9225 8113 or email to [corinne@shelterwa.org.au](mailto:corinne@shelterwa.org.au).

For further information about the CRiB Campaign, please visit Tenants Advice Service website <http://www.taswa.org.au/>.

