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1. Submission to State Tax Review

In July this year, the WA Government announced a “State Tax Review to shape tax reform over the next five years”. Shelter WA made a submission to the Review, which considers current economic conditions, current taxes, the R-Codes, State government planning objectives and their impact on housing provision. Shelter WA’s submission makes four recommendations aimed at fostering affordable and appropriate housing:

Housing Incentive Tax Zones are aimed at encouraging affordable and appropriate housing stock to meet the future needs of West Australians. Tax exemptions for women upon divorce and for strata titled units in retirement villages will reduce ownership transfer costs. Finally, the establishment of a Joint Committee of the State Housing Strategy and the State Tax Review will facilitate the co-ordination of government to achieve affordable and appropriate housing outcomes. Finally, the initiatives identified will meet established government program outcomes, be equitable and not increase implementation costs to government.

The submission is available at www.shelterwa.org.au/publications.htm.

2. Forum: Affordable Housing

National Shelter, CHFA & ACOSS, as members of the National Housing Alliance, invite you to a seminar as a Fringe Event of the 2005 National Housing Conference

Speakers: Prof Julian Disney
 Prof Mike Berry
 Owen Donald

Date: Wednesday October 26
Time: 4:00p.m. – 4.55 p.m.
Place: Crown Theatre, Fremantle Prison

The event will report back to the broad housing sector on the Sydney National Affordable Housing Conference, the Joint Housing, Local Government and Planning Ministers Meeting and on progress of the Framework on National Action on Affordable Housing

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The event will finish in time for conference delegates to attend the conference welcome reception at the same site.

3. Public Seminar: Are Housing Options Declining for the Most Disadvantaged?

The Tenants Advice Service is organising a public seminar for International Tenancy Day: *Where Will They Live? Are Options for the Most Disadvantaged Declining?* The seminar looks at trends in private tenancies, residential park tenancies and boarders & lodgers. There are three speakers:

- Paul Flatau (Murdoch University): The Future of Private Tenancy & its Impact on the Disadvantaged – Policy & Practices.
- Joy Connor (Shelter NSW): Are Caravan Parks a viable tenancy option? A NSW perspective on trends, experiences and legislation.
- Dee De Silva (Tenants Advice Service): Boarders and Lodgers in Perth – trends and challenges

The seminar includes networking, wine & finger-food and will be held as follows:

Monday 31st October, 5:00pm – 7:30pm
Claisebrook Lotteries House, Conference Room
33 Moore St, East Perth

RSVP: 27th October, 2005. TAS: 9221 9499.

Go to www.shelterwa.org.au/housing_news.htm to download a flyer for the seminar.

4. Position Vacant: Policy and Research Officer, TAS

Tenants Advice Service (TAS) is an incorporated not-for-profit community legal centre specialising in residential tenancy advice, information, education and training, and policy and law reform services. TAS directs its services both to residential tenants, particularly those who are disadvantaged, and to agencies that work with tenants. TAS also works with government agencies to promote policy and law reform. TAS requires a suitably qualified person with a demonstrated track record in a similar role, to undertake research, prepare discussion papers and submissions, and represent the interests of tenants on a variety of committees relevant to policy and law reform activities.

Essential skills include: highly developed research, analytical and written communication skills; well developed negotiation skills and a commitment to social justice and human rights. Note that knowledge and understanding of policies and legislation relevant to residential tenants, including the Residential Tenancies Act 1987 is a desirable criterion. All selection criteria are listed in the application pack.

Salary: SACS Award Level 6, 30 hours per week, permanent part-time. (\$43,999 - \$46,175 p.a. pro rata).

Applications Close: 10am, Monday 24th October, 2005. Applications must include statements addressing the selection criteria, a current CV and details of at least 2 referees.

Go to www.shelterwa.org.au/housing_news.htm to view an Information Pack for the position or contact Helen Feasey (08 9221 9499 or admin@taswa.org) for further information.

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