

Expressions of Interest

We are looking for a passionate person with excellent written and verbal communication skills, and research and report writing experience, support Shelter WA and the WA Alliance to End Homelessness's submission to the federal inquiry into homelessness. A key criterion for the awarding of this contract is lived experience of homelessness or housing insecurity.

Background

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs will inquire into and report on homelessness in Australia. The inquiry will be focused on:

1. The incidence of homelessness in Australia.
2. Factors affecting the incidence of homelessness, including housing-market factors.
3. The causes of, and contributing factors to, housing overcrowding.
4. Opportunities for early intervention and prevention of homelessness.
5. Services to support people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, including housing assistance, social housing, and specialist homelessness services.
6. Support and services for people at particular risk of homelessness, including:
 - a. women and children affected by family and domestic violence.
 - b. children and young people.
 - c. Indigenous Australians.
 - d. people experiencing repeat homelessness.
 - e. people exiting institutions and other care arrangements.
 - f. people aged 55 or older.
 - g. people living with disability.
 - h. people living with mental illness.
7. The suitability of mainstream services for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
8. Examples of best-practice approaches in Australia and internationally for preventing and addressing homelessness.
9. The adequacy of the collection and publication of housing, homelessness, and housing affordability related data.
10. Governance and funding arrangements in relation to housing and homelessness, particularly as they relate to the responsibility of Local, State, Territory and Federal Governments.

Please note, this inquiry is only taking written submissions. Submissions are due on 9th April.

Short term contract

A total of up to 35 hours has been allocated for this work over a three week period, commencing Monday 9th March 2020.

The Work

- Work with Shelter WA's Consultant Policy and Advocacy to assist in informing the lived experience voice in the Shelter WA submission.
- Interview eight people with lived experience of homelessness about their experience, their perspective on the contributing factors to homelessness, and methods for policy makers and services to better support people experiencing homelessness.
- Undertake any relevant desktop research that assists in supporting the findings of the eight interviews and supports the positions put forward in the submission.
- Prepare a written report to be included as part of the Shelter WA s/ WA Alliance Submission

Skills required for this contract

Essential

- 1 Lived experience of housing insecurity or homelessness.
- 2 Experience working with people with lived experience of homelessness and housing insecurity.
- 3 Demonstrated ability to undertake desktop research and analyse policy and data to inform a submission.
- 4 Excellent written communication skills, including report writing and document preparation skills.
- 5 Strong verbal communication and interpersonal skills for stakeholder engagement.

Desirable

- 1 Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of social and affordable housing policy
- 2 Demonstrated ability to work in the community sector in a small team environment
- 3 Knowledge of the broader housing sector

Expression of Interest (EOI) application

To express your interest, please provide a current resume and up to 500 word Expression of Interest outlining how you meet the election criteria above. Please send your application to Lisa Kazalac via policy@shelterwa.org.au by 5pm, Monday 9th March 2020.