

ANTI-POVERTY NETWORK SOUTH AUSTRALIA



MEDIA ALERT: Rally Outside SA Liberal Party HQ Calls For Massive Expansion Of Public Housing, Not Fake Solutions To Housing Crisis

For Immediate Release

What: Rally featuring public housing tenants, people on the public housing waiting-list, and low-income people experiencing housing stress

When: Friday December 10, 11:30am-12:30pm

Where: Outside the SA Liberal Party office, 1/104 Greenhill Road, Parkside

At a time when there are 17,000 people on the public housing waiting-list, 7,000 people who are homeless, and when private rents have increased by 9% over the last year, Anti-Poverty Network SA is bringing together people directly affected by our housing crisis to speak out for real, urgent solutions.

"For more and more low-income people, there is nothing left after they pay their rent, for bills, food, or medicine", Anti-Poverty Network SA spokesperson Pas Forgione said.

"Many of the State Government's recent housing announcements are smokescreens, fake solutions that will not help those on the lowest incomes. Its 'affordable housing' developments, where public housing across Adelaide is replaced with new NGO-run housing capped at 75% of market rent, will mostly be out-of-reach for job-seekers, pensioners, sole parents, and others on low incomes."

In most parts of SA, 75% of market rent is still excessively high for those whose incomes – like job-seekers, for example – can be as low as \$44 a day (\$310 a week).

The State Government is willing to spend over \$600 million on a new stadium, but refuses to expand our public housing stock, which is an essential part of ending the housing crisis for those on low incomes. And it keeps 2,000 public homes empty.

Over the last few decades, SA has lost over 40,000 public homes.

Building extra public housing – where low-income people can live with security and stability, with their rent capped at 25% of income – will not only improve the lives of thousands of South Australians, but will provide an important economic stimulus”, Anti-Poverty Network SA spokesperson Pas Forgione said.

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