

# ANTI-POVERTY NETWORK SOUTH AUSTRALIA



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### Eviction is Offensive

A person's home is a place where they can set a small part of their world into order in a way that provides them the foundations to live their life.

Housing is a human right, our nation has failed if even a single person is forced to sleep rough for want of a home due to a lack of money.

The tyranny of the landlord is an offensive and pervasive power dynamic in our society. Renters face the reality that for them this home is not always guaranteed and any interruptions in life could see them losing the place they call home.

This sword of Damocles hangs over the heads of renters. They may even get reminders of this threat from the legal owners of the house. This offensive act can only be described as cruel and unreasonable.

Something must be done about it.

All vacant properties must be taxed, all '*airbnb*' style properties must be registered and taxed as commercial properties, and the government must commit to build a high volume of quality public housing, all of which will bring more homes onto the market

Along with these fiscal and physical demands we also call for a Rent Freeze, to protect renters from unjust rent increases.

We have the opportunity to make our country a fairer and more just place where human rights are respected. To reject these rights is plainly offensive.

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