



Newtown Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated

HOMELESSNESS IN NEWTOWN CAMPAIGN

You can help further by writing a letter to the following people.

- The Hon. Carmel Tebbutt
Member for Marrickville
244 Illawarra Road,
MARRICKVILLE NSW 2204
- The Hon. Tanya Plibersek,
Minister for Housing
422 Crown Street
Surry Hills NSW 2010
- Mr Chris Hartcher, Shadow Minister for Housing
Shop 3 Fountain Plaza,
148-158 The Entrance Road,
ERINA NSW 2250
- The Hon. Mr David Borger, Minister for Housing
Level 37 Governor Macquarie Tower,
1 Farrer Place,
SYDNEY 2000

Some points you may want to include in your letter.

- The housing situation is at crisis point, housing is our most basic need and it is unacceptable that in a country as wealthy as ours that hundreds of people have no place to call home.
- More and more people are being pushed into homelessness and poverty, without housing it is impossible to find employment or study and health issues are often exacerbated.
- In the last year the number of people coming into the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre presenting as homeless or facing a housing crisis increased from 122-185 per month, this is an increase of 51%
- Newtown Neighbourhood Centre is in urgent need of a full time housing worker to meet the needs of the people who are homeless in the area.
- In the last year Newtown Neighbourhood Centre has had to start giving street swags to people who present as homeless as there are not enough beds available in crisis accommodation. This is not an acceptable solution.
- The Federal Government will be releasing the White Paper, which will canvas long-term responses to reduce homelessness in Australia. It is important to acknowledge that the Government is taking steps to address the housing issue and that a housing worker for Newtown is crucial.

Did you know that one letter from a concerned resident is worth 200 signatures on a petition!