

CHIEF MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT



HOMELESSNESS AND AGED ACCOMMODATION

Members of the public, community and business organisations are invited to make submissions to the Affordable Housing Steering Group.

All submissions should address the terms of reference, which require the Steering Group to examine and report to Government on options to increase the supply of affordable housing for older Canberrans and further initiatives to address homelessness and sleeping rough in the ACT. In relation to affordable housing for the aged, the Group will examine options for all forms of housing, including considering the needs of those:

- entering or planning to enter aged care facilities;
- renting properties in the private market;
- needing to relocate to more accessible or appropriate accommodation;
- wishing to 'age in place';
- wishing to share accommodation or services; and
- seeking or planning to enter public or social housing.

The Group should also build on the actions of the Building for our Ageing Community strategy.

In addressing homelessness, the Group is to have regard to policies under development by the Commonwealth Government, including through the Council of Australian Government's Housing Working Group.

The Steering Group will provide an interim report to the incoming ACT Government by February 2009, with a final report to be provided by April 2009.

Submissions of no longer than five pages should be sent to affordablehousing@act.gov.au by 7 November 2008. Inquiries can be directed to David James on (02) 6207 2002.

