

## Attachment 2

### **National Affordable Housing Agreement: Homelessness National Partnership Agreement**

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- On 29 November 2008, COAG agreed to a total commitment of nearly \$10 billion in the National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA) and its associated National Partnership Agreements (NPAs). Nationally, this includes additional funding towards:
  - Homelessness – \$800 million over five years.
  - Remote Indigenous Housing – \$1.94 billion over 10 years (\$834.6 million over five years).
  - Social Housing – \$400 million over two years.
- The NAHA has consolidated existing housing Special Purpose Payments and funded a range of measures including social housing, assistance to people in the private rental market, support and accommodation for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and home purchase assistance. This includes the former Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) and the former Crisis Accommodation Program (CAP).
- The Homelessness NP is structured so that parties to the agreement will deliver the following core outputs:
  - Implementation of A Place to Call Home initiative.
  - Street to home initiatives for chronically homeless people (rough sleepers).
  - Support for private and public tenants to help sustain their tenancies, including through tenancy support, advocacy, case management, financial counselling and referral services.
  - Assistance for people leaving child protection services, correctional and health facilities, to access and maintain stable, affordable housing.
- The Homelessness NP contains an additional 12 outputs which state and territories are expected to prioritise through efforts, including but not limited, to:
  - Support services and accommodation to assist older people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
  - Services to assist homeless people with substance abuse to secure or maintain stable accommodation.
  - Services to assist homeless people with mental health issues to secure or maintain stable accommodation.

- Support to assist young people aged 12 to 18 years who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to re-engage with their family where it is safe to do so, maintain sustainable accommodation and engagement with education and employment.
- Support for women and children experiencing domestic and family violence to stay in their present housing where it is safe to do so.
- An Implementation Plan for the NPA on Homelessness in Queensland has been jointly endorsed by the Australian and Queensland Governments.