

## Housing and Homelessness

*This budget has delivered investment to strengthen housing in WA, including funding boosts for social housing and homelessness services. These compliment important recent reforms to tenancy laws which will have a major impact on housing security and tenant wellbeing.*

*Whilst the government's continued investment into housing in WA is welcome, we need to be adding 5,000 social and affordable homes each year to meet future demand and significantly increasing crisis accommodation and Safe Night Spaces for people who are doing it the toughest.*

*Homelessness services received a necessary funding boost in this budget, yet this is not enough to meet the scale of the homelessness crisis head on. Future budgets should deliver a clear commitment to homelessness prevention and early intervention, and bold reforms to end child and youth homelessness in WA.*

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Social and Affordable Housing</b> (BP3, P211, P215, P222, P308) (BP2, V2, P587)
<b>Investment</b>	\$1.5 billion over four years.
<b>Description</b>	Funding to strengthen WA's social and affordable housing supply. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1 billion to deliver 1426 new social and affordable housing homes through the federally funded Housing Australia Future Fund</li> <li>• \$218 million for 165 social housing homes (acquisition or new builds), refurbishment of 215 dwellings, and land acquisition for approximately 230 lots.</li> <li>• \$234 million for maintenance, upgrades, including bringing back currently uninhabitable housing</li> </ul>
<b>Implications</b>	<i>This investment is welcome and will deliver over 1500 social and affordable homes and fund repairs and maintenance to bring vacant social homes in disrepair back into the system.</i>

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Homelessness Accommodation Services Recommissioning</b> (BP3, P154)
<b>Investment</b>	\$27.8 million over four years.

<b>Description</b>	To support the recommissioning of homelessness accommodation services across the State.
<b>Implications</b>	<i>It is still being determined how this funding uplift will be applied across the sector, though it will focus on safety and sustainability.</i>

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Expansion of Entrypoint</b> (BP2, V2, P480, P481)
<b>Investment</b>	\$8.2 million over three years.
<b>Description</b>	Investment to expand Entrypoint homelessness and assessment referral service. This includes extended call-centre operating hours and continuation of the Early Intervention and Prevention support services and the Homelessness Services Connector program.
<b>Implications</b>	<i>Investment to support the continuation of services to meet community need.</i>

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Funding for specialist youth homelessness accommodation services</b> (BP2, V2, P480, P481)
<b>Investment</b>	\$20.3 million over four years.
<b>Description</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$3.1 million to expand in-reach supported youth accommodation at Perth Inner City Youth Service (PICYS)</li> <li>\$17.2 million to support operations at Indigo Junction Housing First for Youth</li> </ul>
<b>Implications</b>	<i>Further investment in specialist homelessness services is needed across WA to alleviate youth homelessness for the more than 830 young people presenting to specialist homelessness services each day.</i>

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Kalgoorlie Supportive Landlord Model</b> (BP2, V2, P480)
<b>Investment</b>	\$6.2 million over three years.
<b>Description</b>	For the establishment of the Kalgoorlie Housing First Support Service to enable implementation of the Regional Supportive Landlord Model
<b>Implications</b>	<i>Support the expansion of this important model into regional WA.</i>

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Perth Aboriginal Short Stay operational support</b> (BP2, V2, P480, P587)
<b>Investment</b>	\$12.5 million over four years.

<b>Description</b>	To support the commencement and ongoing operations of Perth Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation.
<b>Implications</b>	<i>Ensuring Aboriginal people have secure, appropriate, affordable accommodation aligned with their priorities and needs is a key outcome of Closing the Gap.</i>

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Additional Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH)</b> <i>(BP3, P190) (BP2, V1, P132)</i>
<b>Investment</b>	\$419 million over four years.
<b>Description</b>	To support accommodation for essential workers in regional areas, including more than 500 GROH dwellings as part of the Seven Cities vision. Includes a \$170 million investment by major resource companies.
<b>Implications</b>	<i>This investment in GROH will strengthen the State Government's capacity to attract and retain staff while delivering essential services across regional WA. It represents a significant expansion, doubling the GROH construction program committed in the 2025–26 State Budget. In parallel, targeted investment is also needed to support the sustainability of the community services workforce in regional areas, including securing access to appropriate and affordable housing for this sector.</i>

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Shared Equity Home Ownership Subsidy Scheme Pilot</b> <i>(BP3, P228) (BP2, V1, P133)</i>
<b>Investment</b>	\$123 million over four years.
<b>Description</b>	A new Shared Equity Home Ownership Subsidy Scheme pilot for government workers in regional WA.
<b>Implications</b>	<i>A provision to support the implementation of the pilot which is expected to increase home ownership for GROH.</i>