



Dear Shelter SA Members & Stakeholders

We haven't blogged for a while so it's time for an update! We've come back refreshed and rested in 2018 gearing up for a big year of advocacy. The lead up to the South Australian election has made our lives busy and we've released a series of four election asks, that we've talked about publicly and shared via media, social media, written works, images and video. The four key asks for all candidates and parties are to:

1. Make sure that Aboriginal people are not falling through the gaps when they are transitioning from institutions back to family and community
2. Tip the scales of domestic violence service delivery to prevention not just crisis management
3. Ensure that new arrivals are able to access the housing they need to establish themselves in South Australia (coming soon)
4. Stop the sell-off of public housing – social housing is needed now more than ever with high unemployment, unaffordable private rentals and sky-rocketing utilities costs

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**ELECTION ASKS**

**ABORIGINAL TRANSITIONS, HOUSING AND SUPPORT**

- Development of an Aboriginal Community Housing Provider
- Creation and implementation of an Aboriginal employment strategy
- Embedded cultural competency in policy and service delivery

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**ELECTION ASKS**

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION**

- An increase in social housing to provide long-term affordable housing for homeless DV victims;
- An increase in primary preventative strategies
- A State-wide implementation of DV Education programs

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**ELECTION ASKS**

**PEOPLE FROM REFUGEE AND ASYLUM SEEKING BACKGROUNDS**

- An improvement in housing affordability
- An end to the sell off of public housing stock
- Increased access to suitable housing
- Eligibility for housing support

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The Shelter SA team have attended a number of election forums including the joint Mental Health Coalition SA and SACOSS forum, where all of the political representatives agreed to implement the Mental Health Strategic Plan, and the YWCA forum, where we put some housing questions to candidates. It's also been a busy time for Shelter SA in the mainstream media, with a lot of media interest in our election asks.

This year our plans include regional visits to Kangaroo Island and Mount Gambier (contact us to find out more) and a community workshop in the City of Elizabeth to shine a light on the North where there are pressing issues of disadvantage, poverty and homelessness, but also some inspiring work being done, and we want to share that with you.

Our National work continues, with our ED, Alice, still the Chairperson of National Shelter, our involvement in the National Rental Affordability Index updates every year and advocacy around the critical need for continuation of the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing.

We also want to remind you about our mobile phone app "Pickle" to ensure that young people always have the information they might need to find assistance, in their pocket, you can download the app for free here [www.pickle.org.au](http://www.pickle.org.au).

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