

MAV State Council Resolutions on Social and Affordable Housing

Social and affordable housing has been a topic of ongoing concern at MAV State Council meetings in recent years. Resolutions from the May 2023 State Council are set out below.

Affordable housing:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to create an integrated planning framework across State and Local Government Departments for delivery of sufficient affordable housing that achieves best practice urban design whilst protecting existing neighbourhood character and heritage values.

Social and affordable housing:

The MAV calls on the Victorian Government to:

1. Establish regional targets for the supply of social housing to better match the number of vulnerable households
2. Expand the Big Housing Build to further increase the supply of social and affordable housing
3. Conduct an audit of state government land for social housing development opportunities
4. Review the private rental assistance programs as they are not currently supporting people to maintain tenancies
5. Undertake immediate legislative reform to strengthen minimum standards for rooming houses
6. Recognise that private market mechanisms are not fit-for-purpose for many people experiencing homelessness to secure long-term private rental housing, and explore innovative models to support people from rough sleeping into social and affordable housing
7. Improve the homelessness service system to prevent people from experiencing acute homelessness by rolling out the Zero model across the state, supported by state government funding.

Reform the funding models for social and affordable housing and the planning system to ensure it consistently facilitates new social and affordable housing development

That the MAV State Council advocates to the State Government to:

1. Implement mandatory contributions via the planning system that require the provision of land and/or dwellings for social and affordable housing as part of new residential development
2. Provide permanent and ongoing funding to address the critical shortage of social and affordable housing.