



**WAYSIDE
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POSITION STATEMENT MARCH 2019

END HOMELESSNESS BY 2030

POSITION

Wayside Chapel is calling on the NSW Government to commit to a strategy to end homelessness by 2030 for all who seek long-term and permanent accommodation.

Safe and stable housing is a basic human right. Too many people are living on the streets because the wait for social housing is too long and the application process is too complex. The problem is getting worse. Homelessness rates are increasing. The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) said 116,427 people were homeless on census night in 2016, an increase of 13.7% over the past 5 years. NSW has had a significant increase in homelessness of 37% - more than double the national increase - to 37,715 people over this period

Wayside Chapel is supporting the Everybody's Home campaign to fix Australia's broken housing system.

The NSW Government can end homelessness by committing to the plan outlined by Everybody's Home:

1. Address all the drivers of homelessness, including the lack of affordable housing, poverty and family violence.
2. Rapidly rehouse people who are homeless and help them stay there.
3. Address the over-representation of Aboriginal people in the homeless service system.
4. Commit to ending homelessness by 2030 by taking action to prevent homelessness and delivering rapid access to the housing and support people need if they do lose their own home.

For more information, go to waysidechapel.org.au/advocacy

