

**NATIONAL
HOMELESSNESS
CONFERENCE 2022**

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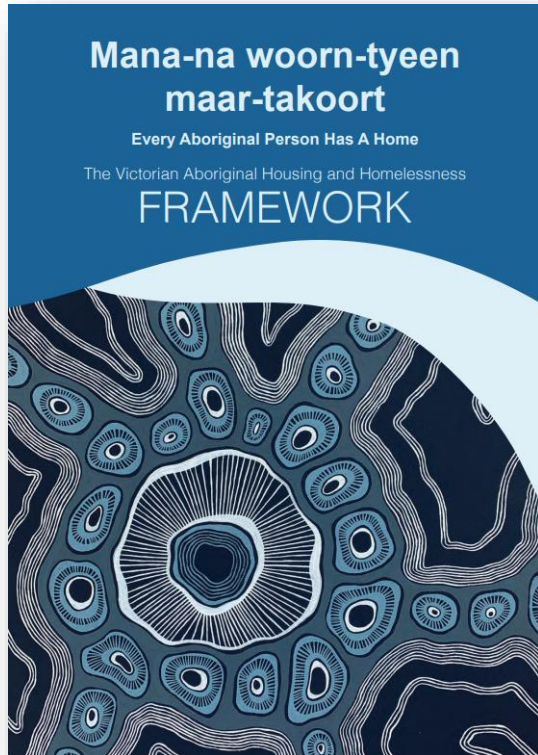


OPENING AND PLENARY SESSION 2

Ending homelessness for indigenous Australians

Victoria Breaks New Ground

Mana-na woorn-tyeen maar-takoort



Vision

Every Aboriginal person has a home.

Purpose

Aboriginal Victorians achieve quality housing outcomes in a generation.

Challenge

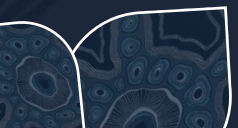
To meet demand for 27,000 additional Aboriginal households by 2036.

Principles

- ✓ Aboriginal self-determination
- ✓ Rights based
- ✓ Housing First
- ✓ Outcome driven
- ✓ Transparency and accountability
- ✓ Cultural safety and access
- ✓ Strengths based and people centred
- ✓ Capacity
- ✓ Economic opportunity and innovation
- ✓ Culturally safe tenancy management

We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples of Australia.

We pay our respects to those who have cared for our land and water for 70,000+ years and continue to care for the places on which we work, live and raise our families.



The Victorian Challenge

57,782 in 2016 to
95,149 in 2036

Experiencing historical complex disadvantage
Lower income, complex disadvantage and 200 years of dispossession

43%

Own or are purchasing compared to 68% of the general population

36%

Percentage of Aboriginal Victorian's living in the private rental market

1:4

Aboriginal households live in social house

17%

Sought assistance from homelessness services

44%

of these people were already homeless

5,085

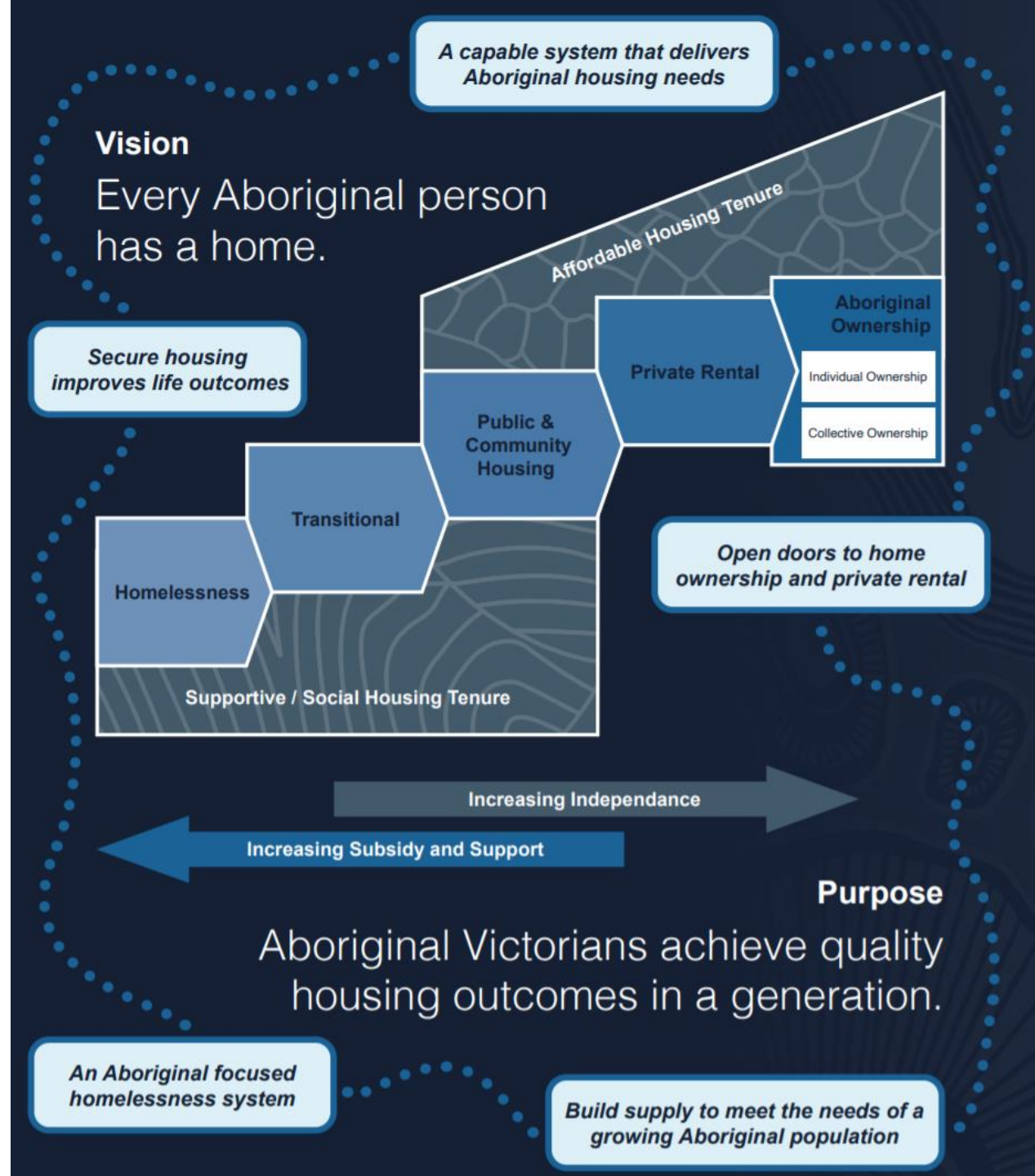
additional Aboriginal social housing units by 2036 merely to ensure that the existing scale of Aboriginal homelessness does not continue to escalate

A model for change....

Movement of Aboriginal people across all housing tenures and creation of some new tenures:

- from homelessness to transitional housing
- from transitional housing to social housing
- from social housing to secure private rental
- from housing stress in private rental to affordable housing
- from affordable rental housing to home ownership
- from narrow and rigid notions of traditional tenure to culturally fit tenures which combine Aboriginal community and individual home ownership

From dependency to Aboriginal community and personal home ownership



We set goals

Secure Housing Improves Life Outcomes

Housing as a platform

Embed housing in wider policy frameworks

Support clients to navigate integrated housing support pathways through all forms of tenure

Building supply to meet the needs of a growing Aboriginal population

Build the supply of homes owned by Aboriginal people and community

- Build 5,000+ social housing properties by 2036; 300 houses p.a. to meet ongoing demand
- Meet supply needs for transitional and (crisis) short term and special needs housing
- Support Native Title and Treaty to grow affordable housing

Opening doors to home ownership and private rental

Shift tenures – from marginal housing to ownership

An Aboriginal focused homeless service system

Rebuild homeless system with entry points for Aboriginal people

Tailored support for those at high risk

A capable system that delivers Aboriginal housing needs

A capable Aboriginal controlled sector

A culturally competent mainstream

And repeatedly
advocated to ...

Reduce the rate of
Aboriginal homelessness
by 10% per annum



We have made progress

- A shared governance structure
 - AHV continues to lead implementation of the Framework and advocate across the sector
 - 10% of the 8,200 Big Housing Build to Aboriginal social housing applicants
 - “Aboriginal Big Housing Build” – \$150m for 400 new houses to be built by ACCOs
 - Building Works Package \$35 million delivered by Aboriginal Housing Victoria in partnership with eighteen ACCOs for maintenance, refurbishment, and upgrades
 - \$4.2m to establish an Aboriginal Private Rental Assistance Program
 - Aboriginal Cultural Safety Frameworks
 - Community Housing Industry Association of Victoria (CHIAVic) to guide mainstream social housing
 - Council to Homeless Persons for the Specialist Homelessness Services Sector
 - Improving Homelessness Services and Outcomes for Aboriginal Victorians – The Blueprint
 - Shared equity to support home ownership
 - Community Summit
 - Annual Report Card
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