

Fixing older people's housing

1. MORE HOUSING

- Increase **public and community housing to 10% of all housing stock by 2040** with a specific allocation for 55+
- Invest in the **Independent Living Unit sector 55+ housing stock**
- Develop **housing solutions** for older people with modest assets who are not eligible for public and community housing, such as a **shared equity scheme**
- **Make homes safe, healthy and accessible** for older people by **ensuring all public, community and private rental homes** are climate resilient, and introducing **minimum energy efficiency and accessibility standards** for rental properties

2. HELP WHEN IT'S NEEDED

- Invest in **early intervention services** to older people at risk of homelessness to navigate the complex housing system, including LGBTIQ+ and CALD communities
- Fund **specialist support services** for older people who can't access **aged care supports and services** due to homelessness or insecure housing

3. A FAIRER HOUSING SYSTEM

- Implement a **fairer tax system** that recognises that housing **everyone in Australia should have a home**
- **Create consistent and improved rental and retirement living laws** across Australia
- Make housing known as **'affordable housing' truly affordable** by legislating a nationally consistent definition to **cap rents at 30% of income** for people on the lowest incomes ensuring they remain affordable housing in perpetuity

For more detail about each of these asks, see HAAG's policy paper [here](#)

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