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Submission
National Housing and Homelessness Plan Bill 2024 (No. 2)

To Whom It May Concern,

Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation is an independent community foundation that has supported the critical issues facing Melbourne since 1923. We have a long-standing commitment to addressing homelessness, specifically interventions that prevent homelessness or entrenchment into homelessness and support the availability and affordability of housing for people to thrive. The Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation submission to the National Housing and Homelessness Plan can be found [here](#).

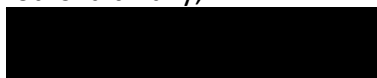
We are one of Australia's leading philanthropic organisations working in housing and homelessness. As well as funding and supporting the issues around homelessness and housing, we encourage our philanthropic peers to also support these issues. Notably, we help convene the Affordable Housing Funders Network with our peak body Philanthropy Australia and run regular sessions encouraging best practice in funding affordable housing.

The Foundation welcomes the opportunity to make this submission. We support the Bill introduced by Senator David Pocock and North Sydney MP Kylea Tink to legislate a National Housing and Homelessness Plan.

We believe that Australia should have a National Plan addressing housing and homelessness as the best way for all levels of government to make commitments and work together effectively. This Plan should address the issue of housing and homelessness now and into the future and we support the need for a long-term view of this issues by successive governments.

We also support a National Plan that is based on human rights as per the Government's obligations under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. Housing is a basic requirement that enables people to thrive and lead a good life.

Yours faithfully,



Peter Walton
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