



Australian Government
National Indigenous Australians Agency

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Dear Ms Youhorn

Thank you for your email of 3 July 2023, and the opportunity to provide a submission to the Senate Inquiry into the worsening rental crisis in Australia. The National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) has provided input to the submission through a whole-of-government response, which includes First Nations experiences of the rental crisis and government policies and actions taken to address this crisis.

Access to suitable, appropriate and affordable housing is fundamental to improving the lives of First Nations people, which is why the Commonwealth Government has committed to an ambitious First Nations housing reform agenda.

Although the state and territory governments are primarily responsible for housing and homelessness service delivery, the Commonwealth Government continues work with states and territories and First Nations stakeholders to deliver on its housing commitments in order to get the best outcomes for First Nations people.

To elevate First Nations voices and experiences of the rental crisis, it is important to consult with Indigenous housing bodies directly. I would suggest the Committee reach out to the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Authority (NATSIHA), who lead housing advocacy for First Nations people at a national level. The Chief Executive Officer of NATSIHA, Ivan Simon, can be contacted at [redacted]. State and Territory peak bodies, along with Indigenous community housing organisations, can also provide insights on this matter.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission for this inquiry.

Yours sincerely

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