

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of homelessness and young people

Draws to the attention of the House: *Increase funding to meet the specific needs of young people who are at risk of homelessness or are homeless.*

We therefore ask the House to: *Provide more funding for permanent housing facilities for young people at risk of homelessness. The State and Territory governments are responsible for the care and protection of children and young people if their parent or guardian can't care for them for any reason. Family breakdown and the breakdown of foster care and out-of-home care arrangements means there are some young people under 16 in the homeless service system. However, homeless assistance services are not currently resourced to provide the specific care and support these younger people need. We need more housing programs like Horizon house in Wanneroo.*

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