

To: The Honourable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives assembled in Parliament

The petition of residents of Australia draws to the attention of the House the issue of the decline in affordable housing and the growing number of people who are homeless.

The overall increase in general living expenses including a considerable increase in the cost of housing; both to buy or rent, has put considerable strain on people and is contributing to the overall increase in homelessness.

Further to this, over the last several years there has been a decline in real funding for the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP), emergency accommodation and public housing adding to this issue.

Your petitioners therefore request the House invest a proportion of the government's vast surplus to provide further funding for SAAP services; emergency accommodation and public housing to ensure safe and affordable accommodation for all citizens because Housing is a Human Right!
