



The Auckland Housing Crisis Resource Pack

Supporting people with Mental Health and Addictions challenges

Background

On the 1st July 2016, Changing Minds held a forum to discuss how the Auckland Housing Crisis affected consumers of mental health and addictions services. The forum was well attended and a robust discussion was held giving the public an opportunity to ask important questions of the 6 member panel.

The following discussion points, articles and resources have been collated by Changing Minds, for those seeking information on Emergency Housing, Housing Grants, Help and accommodation.

Changing Minds will add to this information pack as new resources come to light and will continue to represent and advocate for better, more affordable access to housing for MH and A service users through the sector, political and personal relationships we hold.

For more information or connections, or if you have something to add to this pack please contact us at info@changingminds.org.nz

Panel Members/ Guests

- Richard Northey - ADCCOS
- Raewyn Stanaway - Barfoots
- Sophia and Sarah - Lifewise
- Katarina Simon - PHD
- Edit Horvath - CHAMP
- James King – Changing Minds

Discussion

- The Changing Minds forum on the Housing Crisis in Auckland focused largely on affordable and social housing issues. It spoke of a need for more rental properties to come on stream at affordable rents. It was suggested that Landlords were profiteering and that both national and local government were moving too slowly to fix the issue of supply.
- The need to insure rental accommodation was up to standard was also raised as an issue. Richard Northey from ADCOSS proposed a Warrant Of Fitness on all rental accommodation. The warrant would apply minimum standards affecting sound-proofing of homes, safe power supply, insulation, ventilation and weather tightness.
- There was general comment about, but no consensus on the proposed notion of a rent cap to be imposed on landlords. Some said it was a good and effective way to keep rents at a reasonable level and other said it would be too difficult to enforce.
- The Auckland Unitary Plan was mentioned, sparking discussion on the intensification of housing and urban sprawl

Conclusions/ comments

- Participants and the panel suggested that the Unitary Plan release more land to build affordable housing and that some intensification is necessary.
- The government needs to build more state and social housing

Resources

1. Emergency Accommodation Listings
<http://2cu.co.nz/auckland/listings/find/emergency+accommodation>
2. Citizens Advice Bureau Accommodation Listings
<http://www.cab.org.nz/vat/hle/eh/Pages/home.aspx>
3. WINZ Emergency Housing Criteria
<http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/eligibility/living-expenses/housing.html>
4. Housing New Zealand Emergency Housing Information
<http://www.hnzc.co.nz/for-our-tenants-and-their-communities/renting-a-house/emergency-housing-information/>
5. Women's Refuge
<https://womensrefuge.org.nz/WR/Contact-us/Find-your-local-refuge.htm>
6. Western Park Village Cheap Accommodation
<http://www.westernparkvillage.com/cheap-accommodation-auckland/>

7. Auckland Community Housing Providers Network
<http://www.achpn.net.nz/who-we-are/>
8. New emergency housing service in Auckland
<https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/work-programmes/housing/initiatives/auckland-emergency-housing.html>
9. Vision West Short Term Emergency Housing
<http://www.visionwest.org.nz/housing/housing-short-term-emergency-housing>
10. The Salvation Army Accommodation
<http://www.salvationarmy.org.nz/need-assistance/accommodation>
11. James Liston Hostel Trust
<http://www.jameslistonemergencyhousingprovider.co.nz/>
12. Lifewise Shelters and Café
<http://www.lifewise.org.nz/>
13. Gimme Shelter Auckland Campaign
<http://gimmeshelter.co.nz/> or
<http://www.facebook.com/GimmeShelterNZ/>
14. Auckland City Mission
<http://www.aucklandcitymission.org.nz/>
15. Monte Cecilia Housing Trust
<http://montececilia.org.nz/what-we-do/>
16. **BOOK EXTRACT:** Home Truths – Confronting New Zealand’s housing crisis
<http://www.nbr.co.nz/article/book-extract-home-truths-%E2%80%93-confronting-new-zealand%E2%80%99s-housing-crisis-183320>

Associated Media Articles / Follow up news etc

1. Planet FM follow up Housing Crisis Forum radio show
<http://www.takeitfromus.co.nz/archive/2015/housing-and-mental-health/>
2. Govt announces \$41.1 million boost for emergency housing
<http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/79756940/Govt-announces-41-1-million-boost-for-emergency-housing>

3. How to fix a broken Auckland? Add 150,000 homes to crash prices by 40%
<http://thespinoff.co.nz/featured/04-07-2016/how-to-fix-a-broken-auckland-add-150000-homes-to-crash-prices-by-40/>
4. No housing crisis in NZ - Paula Bennett
<http://www.radionz.co.nz/news/national/304378/no-housing-crisis-in-nz-paula-bennett>
5. The real cost to businesses in the Auckland housing crisis
<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/AK1607/S00105/the-real-cost-of-business-in-the-auckland-housing-crisis.htm>
6. Auckland needs to use its own backyard to address housing shortage
<http://www.newstalkzb.co.nz/news/national/auckland-needs-to-use-its-own-backyard-to-address-housing-shortage/>
7. Housing crisis will lead to more Aucklanders sleeping rough
<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PA1605/S00149/housing-crisis-will-lead-to-more-aucklanders-sleeping-rough.htm>
8. Labour unveils housing crisis plans
http://www.nzherald.co.nz/business/news/article.cfm?c_id=3&objectid=11670146
9. The Warehouse helps the homeless at Te Paea Marae
http://www.nzherald.co.nz/business/news/article.cfm?c_id=3&objectid=11670270
10. Sex for rent: The seedy underbelly of NZ housing affordability crisis
<http://www.stuff.co.nz/life-style/home-property/68699320/sex-for-rent-the-seedy-underbelly-of-nz-housing-affordability-crisis>
11. New Zealand in the 1930s tackled a housing crisis humanely
<http://www.stuff.co.nz/waikato-times/opinion/80750389/new-zealand-in-the-1930s-tackled-a-housing-crisis-humanely>