

\*Direct transcript of submissions made to Council, there may be some grammatical errors due to this.

1. Do you think this Framework hits the mark? (max 150 words)	2. Is there anything else that Council should consider about homelessness and social housing, that should be included in the final Monash Social Housing Framework 2020-2025? (max 150 words)	Council Response	Age:	Gender:	Cultural background:	4. Which suburb do you live in?
Yes definitely - it paints an unbelievable picture about an area that is seen to be amongst one of the most affluent Council areas in Melbourne.	Maybe a positive pathway that could be taken to help overcome the problem	Noted. - The aspirations of the Monash-led Regional Local Government Charter Homelessness & Social Housing is to end homelessness through the increased provision of social housing. - The Draft Monash Affordable Housing Strategy, due to Council in early 2021, is Council's response to the rising house prices and rents, and limited investment in social and affordable housing, which have led to a dramatic increase in the number of households experiencing housing stress in Monash. The Strategy makes a clear case for taking action to increase the provision of affordable housing in Monash. It also demonstrates both the need for affordable housing and the social and economic benefits of having more affordable housing. The Strategy will be submitted for final endorsement by Council in 2021.	n/a	Female	U.K. born - Naturalized Australian	Whealers Hill
yes, thorough and compassionate	Specific plans on how to produce more affordable rental homes.	Noted, as per response above.	72	Female	caucasian	Mt Waverley
Yes. Affordable housing for those who are homeless needs to be a priority. Having a fixed, affordable residence enables people to gain some stability and hopefully connect with others who may provide opportunities for employment and social engagement. It will hopefully alleviate loneliness and give people dignity and a sense of belonging.	Families who are renting, on social security and being exploited by home owners charging exorbitant rents and not being given basic necessities.	Tenant Victoria is a valuable resource for advice and advocacy for renters and this is a free resource that Council will endeavour to promote more effectively to marginalised families in the City Of Monash.	72	Female	German & Polish - post WW11 Refugee	Mulgrave
Further comment to add to survey submitted earlier today	Perhaps when Council gives approval for any developments of flats in Monash - that you make a mandatory allocation of a proportion of units built - that they are at social housing level of rent. Something that the developer needs to agree to? Something along that line to gain more housing stock for those in need. A thought!	Noted. This will be covered by the draft Monash Affordable Housing Strategy.				
No, I have my Doubt, because not knowing how much effective was Priority Project.2017-2021, I guess advocacy and referrals only don't help to eliminate homelessness, (Functional Zero) as evidence indicating the homeless increased, and also definitely it is increasing now as we deal with Covid-19. Council has to have its own mechanism to deal with it , rather than advocating to ask someone else to do more, or pointing the finger elsewhere, need a practical plan that actually reducing the homelessness. It is clear, there are already lot of organisations doing the advocacy, this draft is not promising to provide any practical assistance to have its own housing/renting ideas. its an obvious important issue. Many housing frame work come and gone without effective, this plan doesn't promise any innovative solutions. Take a look on, all the previous long term plans for housing and check which ideas working well to help reduce homeless.	Yes, Council shouldn't sell any of its land, rather can build houses for reasonable and affordable renting purpose. Possibly buy land and build and provide homes for renting. Council can manage a temporary house for people leaving home for family violence, and for their mental health and well being. It should have a center to help for homeless and be active in social participation, community work.	Noted. Social housing is the responsibility of the State Government, but local government can leverage through advocacy which Monash Council is taking leadership in.	old	female	non english	Monash

Yes. I have found the framework comprehensive in my view.	I believe the only way to further see any improvements is further consult with people affected by homelessness to cater for specific needs such as features in social housing.	Noted, this is a commitment of Council as per the Framework's Priority 2 'Hear from people who are affected by the lack of social housing when developing major Council policies, strategies or plans, and seek opportunities to address suggestions, including what will make a possible difference to everyday life. This includes hearing from people	16	male	Chinese	Wheelers Hill
It's a good start. I'd suggest you look at port Phillip social housing model which operates since 1986.	Not sure	Noted.	51	Male	Greek	Oakleigh
You have done a lot of research, consultation with the right people and are involved with other councils and government agencies and this is great.	I think there is always a lot of planning, talk, goals, theoretical discussions etc in terms of the problems we have in Victoria and in our area with homelessness but I would like to see an actual physical plan and decision made and communicated in terms of the building of some units or flats or properties for the homeless. Everyone TALKS about it but there is never money put aside to purchase land and get started with some actual physical, real property. Yes the framework is there but I didn't see an action plan/timeline of actually planning on BUILDING something. Maybe I missed it?	Noted, refer to response 1.	70	Female	Australian	Wheelers Hill
There is some good focus points. I would like to see more about young people - perhaps it is a different strategy. How are you trying to avoid young people being in the cycle of homelessness for long periods of time? Are we just expecting social housing to be the answer for them too?	Invest in more opportunities for young people to avoid social housing - for example Youth Foyers.	Noted. The Youth Foyer -City of Monash is a very successful model for supporting not only young people at risk of homelessness, but also ensuring each individual can reach their full potential through education. Monash Council is very happy to have this service available for young people in the City of Monash as well as young people from surrounding areas. Monash Council and Youth Services will continue to advocate for accessible services for Monash young people. Our young people are very excited that the City of Monash will have their own headspace later this year. Youth employment is also a priority of Monash Youth Services.	28	Female	Australian	Live in Wantirna South work in Glen Waverley
It is great to see that priorities address information accessibility, human dignity and development. However, much of this framework seems to focus on homelessness in general rather than social housing. A framework for social housing should be much more specific about the outcomes it is trying to achieve and have better defined, and more specific priorities.	Yes - how does this framework fit in, support or work with other frameworks and initiatives?	Noted. This is articulated in the Council Report and Social Housing Fram	29	Female	Chinese	clayton
You have captured all the main issues that surround the main problem which is lack of affordable housing.	Does Council own land or properties that could be utilised in a partnership with a Social Housing organisation?	Noted and articulated in Draft Monash Affordable Housing Strategy.	58	Male	European	Oakleigh
The most sensible statement I found was "In simplest terms, the solution to homelessness is housing." It is like environmental containment, you want to develop an unusual industry and no one wants you, NIMBY, not in my backyard. Sometimes there are good reasons, mostly it is selfishness.	I have the experience of social housing in Homesglen, many friends, immigrants mainly, were glad to have a place to call home, not high-rise, a bit of a garden for interest and self-sufficiency, I traded vegetables with these friends, they taught me by living their culture whilst learning to 'fit in'. Most of those concrete houses were not as good as the ones they had 'back home' but many were added to and made very comfortable, even pretty. Most have long since been sold on and there were various aids given so that this could be so. It is a valuable asset still.	Noted. Through the Monash-led Regional Local Government Homelessness & Social Housing Charter it is implicit that 'everyone deserves a home.' Priority 11 of the Monash Social Housing Framework 2020 - 2025 also commits to 'Developing information and publicity about social housing to let the community know about: i) why social housing is an important local infrastructure and human rights need; what are compassionate responses; and ii) real-life examples of how not having a home affects people in our community.'	83	male	Came here as child of employee transfer.	Wheelers Hill

<p>Yes, but it is only going to become more challenging as population grows and COVID=19 recovery starts to take effect.</p>	<p>Yes, I really think that all Councils should have small areas where they can place small homes for the homeless. I have lost my job, house and business and having nothing and when my only parent leaves this earth, I too will be homeless. So I have thought of how to solve this baffling situation. I am endeavouring to find a backyard in a less expensive suburb where I can have a very small home about 40-50 m2 and then a couple can be put on the land, instead of huge houses. I am currently looking at Tiny Box Homes and another in Mt Eliza that creates them on site and delivers them (like pods). If Councils could allocate land for schemes like this where they were dotted around and not in one huge grouping it would make the community feel a little safer and the people who occupy them would feel like they were more a part of the neighbourhood.</p>	<p>Noted. The role smaller dwellings may have in helping to address housing affordability is being considered by State Government. Recently State Government approved Amendment VC186, which was introduced into four different municipalities in Victoria on a trial basis. It allows small secondary dwellings to be constructed on the same lot as an existing dwelling without requiring a planning permit if a number of requirements are met. One of these requirements is that any dwelling must not be more than 60 square metres.</p>	56	Female	Australian	Mount Waverley
<p>No, it does not address the root causes and as such this is just a band aid solution. A more realistic approach is needed that is both financially sustainable and economically beneficial. A solution like this would have the need to keep increasing the stock of social housing.</p>	<p>Social housing should be developed and funded in areas where there is an insufficient population. If we build social housing in areas people on centrelink cannot afford, they will struggle to keep up with the high cost of living in the area. A more centralised approach to assist people to move to growth areas where housing is more affordable will be a better strategy and help people become more independent sooner.</p>	<p>Noted. Council's position is that social housing should be provided close to services and to allow people to remain within their communities.</p>	45			Mt Waverley
<p>Looks good, but I am no expert. Great initiative.</p>	<p>Don't know.</p>	<p>Noted</p>	57	F	Australian	Clayton
<p>It's just words. lots of draft, researching, asking. What about stopping foreign ownership and resultant empty dwellings? All those hideous high density living places - turn them into public housing. Encourage second home investment because that's where the rental market comes from.</p>	<p>Work like the defence force does; people buy properties that are rented to defence personnel. guaranteed rental income. House gets a lick of paint and new carpet every 10 years. Copy Toronto's lead and charge vacant tax on foreign owned dwellings that don't have anyone living in them, and use that tax to subsidise the rental income. House prices went up when Foreign ownership went up in the late 90s.</p>	<p>Noted. Foreign ownership not in the realm of local government. Council doesn't raise taxes, this responsibility lies with the State or Fed government. Council can advocate for changes to state and federal govt to consider taxation opportunities to encourage greater home ownership by local people. .</p>	58	Female	Australian	Huntingdale
<p>It does look as if the framework hits the mark really well from my interested point of view. The test of it will, i think be in the actual implementation, timelines and precautions put in place to make sure these very good plans are not watered down by financial, social or other persuasions.</p>	<p>i have witnessed failures in some well intentioned frameworks for city council effort re social housing, because of emerged loopholes. In each case, old social housing was not replaced with the equivalent housing that was expected by concerned local people, let alone increased. The replacement housing was either private rental (where understood to become private and public) or the number of housing units required was correct but the composition did not include adequately sized family replacements requested and expected by local housing concern.</p>	<p>Noted. The majority of social housing is provided and managed by Department of Health and Human Services. Council can however advocated through its partnership with the State Government if housing in Monash is not meeting the needs of people.</p>	68	female	English/Scottish	Ashwood

I have had major concerns about how housing is allocated since a 3 bedroom house in Hampton East was given to a man who is most of the time is there alone. He very occasionally has a couple of children visiting but they are never there for many days. This house would have been ideally suited to a family

Is it possible for you group to look into the decisions made by the Dept of Housing?

Regards

How can contribute to a fund for government housing?

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Unclear submission, Council sought clarification, no response received.