



Federal Government Green Paper on Homelessness

The Federal Government's Green Paper on Homelessness '*Which Way Home?*' was released by the Prime Minister Mr Rudd on 22 May. It was developed by an expert steering group comprising Tony Nicholson, Executive Director of the Brotherhood of St Lawrence (chair), Heather Nancarrow, Director of the Queensland Centre for Domestic and Family Violence, and Anna Buduls, a Sydney company director and philanthropist.

Copies of the Green Paper can be downloaded from
http://www.facs.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/housing/new_approach_stage1.htm

Comments on the Green Paper close on **Friday 27 June 2008** (please note new date).

Public consultation forums

The Department of Families Housing Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) has organised 12 public consultation forums on the Green Paper as follows:

City	Dates
Perth	28 May
Karatha	29 May
Townsville	4 June
Darwin	6 June
Brisbane	10 June
<u>Sydney</u>	<u>11 June</u>
Melbourne	12 June
Canberra	13 June
<u>Lismore</u>	<u>16 June</u>
Hobart	17 June
Adelaide	19 June
<u>Albury - Wodonga</u>	<u>20 June</u>

To register to attend one of the forums please call FaHCSIA on 1800 774 055 (a free call number).

NSW sector forums

In addition to the FaHCSIA public consultation forums, the three SAAP peaks in NSW will be holding their own consultations to receive feedback from the NGO sector in this state.

Homelessness NSW

Homelessness NSW will be holding a series of consultations across the state from 28 May to 17 June inclusive. **Details are attached.** If you wish to attend one of these consultations please contact Digby Hughes via email digby@homelessnessnsw.org.au or phone (02) 9319 7111.

Youth Accommodation Association (YAA)

The dates and locations of the YAA's consultations, when finalised, will be posted on their website at

<http://www.yaa.com.au/policy.html>

NSW Women's Refuge Resource Centre

Please contact the WRRC on 02 9698 9777 or check their website at

<http://www.wrrc.org.au/>

Submissions in response to the Green Paper

Written responses to the Green Paper can be sent to:

Homelessness Green Paper Submissions

PO Box 7442

CANBERRA ACT 2610

Comments can also be submitted online at

<http://homelessness.nationalmailing.com.au/>

Comments close on **27 June 2008** (please note new date).

If you wish to send NCOSS a copy of your submission please email

warren@ncoss.org.au

Following responses to the Green Paper, the Federal Government intends to release a White Paper on Homelessness in September 2008. This will say what the Government intends to do about homelessness and will set out a plan of action for the next ten years.

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