

# HOMELESSNESS

## GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL FACT SHEET



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### The challenge: Visible and hidden homelessness in Glen Eira

Homelessness in Glen Eira is a growing and complex issue, affecting individuals and families across the municipality.

While rough sleeping is the most visible form, many people experience hidden homelessness — living temporarily with friends or family, in insecure accommodation, or moving frequently without a stable home. These circumstances often go unrecognised but have significant impacts on health, wellbeing, and community cohesion.

### Our advocacy priorities

#### 1. Establish a model for homelessness response:

Seeking \$200,000 to establish a coordinated, place-based response to homelessness, aligned with the *Zero Project: Housing First Coordination*. This will:

- Bring together service providers, community organisations, and people with lived experience to co-design practical, person-centred solutions.
- Focus on proactive outreach, case management, and pathways to housing, health, and employment.
- Implement a shared governance model to reduce duplication, close service gaps, and support long-term transitions out of homelessness.

#### 2. Increase social and affordable housing

- Prioritise investment in new social and affordable housing, particularly in areas with low existing stock.
- Develop a strategic approach to increase ongoing funding for affordable housing, ensuring long-term sustainability and support for those most at risk.

#### 3. Prevention and early intervention

- Expand tailored support for families, older residents, and culturally and linguistically diverse communities.
- Invest in prevention and early intervention programs to reduce the risk of homelessness, including those experiencing hidden homelessness.

#### 4. Policy and funding reform

- Mandate infrastructure contributions that deliver meaningful community benefit and support council financial sustainability.
- Require affordable housing in developments through tools like inclusionary zoning and diverse housing types.
- Strengthen regulations and standards for rooming houses to ensure safety and quality.
- Restore fair funding for councils to enable delivery of essential housing and support services.
- Ensure planning reforms are transparent, accountable, and include early local government input.

### Policy outcomes sought

- Reduced homelessness and housing insecurity, including hidden homelessness, through coordinated, evidence-based responses.
- Increased supply of social and affordable housing to meet current and future demand.
- Stronger, more resilient communities where everyone has access to safe, secure, and affordable housing.
- Sustainable funding and planning frameworks that empower local government to deliver for their communities.



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## Why government partnership is essential

Local government is on the frontline of homelessness challenges, but our capacity is limited by funding constraints and regulatory barriers. Glen Eira City Council is committed to delivering for our community, but we need State and Federal support to:

- Deliver new and upgraded housing stock that meets the needs of a growing and diverse population.
- Provide wraparound services for those at risk of homelessness, including health, employment, and social support.
- Ensure planning and funding systems are fit for purpose and responsive to local needs.

## Community impact

Addressing homelessness reduces harm, builds trust, and strengthens community resilience. It supports community safety, improves health and wellbeing outcomes, and ensures Glen Eira remains a welcoming and inclusive place for all.

## Key data and context

- **Rising demand:** Glen Eira is seeing an increase in people at risk of or experiencing homelessness, including rough sleeping and hidden homelessness among families, young people, and older residents.
- **Population growth:** With Glen Eira's population expected to grow by 30,000 by 2036, housing pressures and the risk of homelessness will continue to rise.
- **Cost of living:** Escalating housing and living costs are placing additional strain on households, increasing the risk of housing insecurity and homelessness.
- **Service gaps:** Many experiencing hidden homelessness do not access traditional support services, making coordinated, proactive outreach essential.



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