



## **National Shelter calls for Housing Plan**

Peak housing body National Shelter has released its policy platform highlighting the need for a national housing plan to combat growing unaffordability in home ownership and renting.

The platform is asking that the Government elevates the Housing Minister into Cabinet and establishes a new independent authority to develop the plan.

*“There are now so many aspects to our housing crisis, that we need a national plan to dig our way out of the hole we have created over the past 40 years of policy failure,”* Adrian Pisarski, National Shelter spokesperson said.

*“Our politicians keep talking up the need for first home ownership to improve, while promoting measures which have overseen a decline in home ownership, a massive decline in home ownership by those under 45 and increasingly tough rental markets.”*

According to National Shelter, a National Plan would look at target bandwidths for home ownership, the supply of social and affordable housing, and fix our rental laws and renting systems.

National Shelter is also calling for an end to governments seeing housing as a welfare or wealth issue and for housing to be seen as important economic infrastructure that is critical to improving productivity.

The call for a plan is echoed in National Shelter’s submission to the [Falinski Inquiry](#) which is taking submissions on how to improve housing supply and affordability.

*“The home ownership dream has now become a nightmare for Generation X to millennials, so a reset is required to refocus on affordability, security, amenity and inclusivity, regardless of housing tenure,”* Mr Pisarski said.

*“Examinations on the housing system show that Australia needs to stop doing things that make housing more expensive like pumping up demand side subsidies and grants. Tax incentives need to be addressed and planning measures introduced, to support more social and affordable housing.”*

*“We will have more to say about aspects of our housing system as we approach the federal election, to highlight the various ways we can improve housing.”*

*“Politicians need to stop misleading the electorate in pretending the home ownership levels of previous generations are still a viable goal, without a major recalibration of the settings, so a national plan is the place to start,”* he said.

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