



National framework for defining Affordable Housing creates a more accountable housing system: National Shelter

Quotes attributed to to CEO of National Shelter Jackson Hills:

"The introduction of Nicolette Boele MP's Private Member's Bill seeking to enshrine a definition of Affordable Housing in Commonwealth legislation will provide greater clarity, consistency and accountability across housing policy, investment, and delivery.

"At a time when affordability challenges are affecting households across the housing continuum, a clear legislative definition can help ensure that governments, investors, providers, and communities work towards shared objectives.

"For too long, Affordable Housing has been defined differently across programs, jurisdictions, and policy settings. Establishing a consistent framework would strengthen policy development, improve transparency and support more effective measurement of housing outcomes over time.

"Importantly, a legislative definition should reflect the principle that Affordable Housing enables households on lower and moderate incomes to meet their housing costs without compromising their ability to pay for other essential needs.

"While a nationally recognised definition is an important foundation, definitions alone will not solve the housing crisis. Affordable Rental Housing delivered at scale can reduce pressure on overstretched social housing waiting lists by providing viable housing options for low- and moderate-income households. Over the next two decades, Australia must move beyond definitions and accelerate the policies, programs and investments needed to grow Affordable Rental Housing at scale across the country.

"We look forward to considering the detail of the draft Bill and working constructively with parliamentarians and stakeholders to advance practical solutions that improve housing affordability and housing security for all people living in Australia.

"The housing crisis requires action across multiple fronts. Greater clarity around what constitutes Affordable Housing is an important part of building a stronger, more effective national housing system."