

# VOTE Home

## Let's END THE HOUSING CRISIS

# FORUM

Tuesday 7 June 2016 | 9.00am — 3.30 pm

Housing affordability is a major concern for many. Our governments subsidise public and private housing through tax expenditures and grants at both state and federal levels. How fairly this assistance is distributed is an issue. Many lower income households struggle to find housing that is secure, affordable, in the right place and of the right amenity. Many are threatened by insecurity and homelessness.

**This is the first federal election in a long time where housing affordability is an issue to which the major parties must respond. And significantly there are stark policy differences between them.**

Shelter NSW is holding an election forum which will provide you with an opportunity to hear from the parties. Ask how do they see the problems with housing? What are their solutions?

The forum also provides an opportunity to hear about the national campaign *Vote Home – let's end the Housing Crisis!* The discussion will include consideration of the ways everyone who cares about this issue can do their bit to influence the policies of the incoming government.

### The Program

- The day will begin with a keynote address from **Richard Dennis** (The Australia Institute). He will canvass the political and economic environment and the implications are for housing policy.
- A facilitated discussion with representative of the parties will include:  
**Alex Hawke** (invited from the Liberal Party)  
**Jenny McAllister** (Australian Labor Party)  
**Scott Ludlum** (The Greens)
- A response by **Adrian Pisarski** (National Shelter)
- The second half of the day will focus on campaigning. A panel will discuss what makes for a successful campaign in an election. Speakers include:  
**Kelly Williams** (Cancer Council)  
**Sarah Agar** (Choice)  
**Kate Colvin** (Council for Homeless Persons)
- And, finally the day will conclude with workshops focused on
  - ways to link in with the National campaign
  - how to keep affordable housing an election issue and hold those elected to account after the election.

### Venue

NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre  
37 Reservoir Street, Surry Hills, NSW 2010

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