

Building Community Support for Community Housing TOOL KIT

Why do some people oppose affordable housing?



TENANT CASE STUDY HOW COMMUNITY HOUSING CHANGED MY LIFE

Trang is 28 years old. She arrived from Vietnam five years ago to marry an Australian man she had met on the internet. Trang felt lucky to get a full-time job as a cleaner at the Royal Prince Alfred hospital in Camperdown, but the relationship broke down just two years after she arrived and they were married. She packed her things and moved out of their place.

Trang earns an award wage of \$750 per week, which means she is very low income earner who can only affordably pay \$225 per week in rent. There is virtually nowhere in Greater Sydney where even a studio apartment is renting for this amount on the private market.

Trang has been living between two friends' places for the last two years while she has been trying to find her own place that she can afford. It seemed that her luck had well and truly run out. A colleague at the hospital suggested that she contact the local Community Housing Provider. Trang made the call and in just a few months, she was moving into a studio apartment right near the hospital. It was small, but it was hers. Best of all, her rent was affordable on her cleaner's wage. It gave her the freedom to save a little bit and think about what she wanted to do next with her life next.

**Affordable
Community Housing
has completely
changed
Trang's life.**