

Homelessness

I would like to commend the government for this homelessness enquiry and the White Paper's aim to halve the overall homelessness by 2020 and offer more accommodation for these people.

The largest cause of homelessness is domestic violence. Therefore, I believe a significant amount of support should be provided to reducing domestic violence. In addition to increasing support through helplines and other services for people suffering and instigating domestic violence, there should also be an emphasis on programmes and services to promote family life and conflict resolution skills. As 'prevention is better than cure', additional funding should be provided for family counselling so that this is more readily accessible and not just limited to the families who have reached crisis point.

With regards to providing housing, the demographics of homeless people, particularly that one in three are children should be considered. As much as possible housing should be close to public transport, shops and schools.

Thank you for your attention

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