



Waithood: The experience of being on the social housing waiting list

Anglicare is a proud partner investigator in this Australian Research Council Linkage Project which brings together the expertise of passionate housing and homelessness researchers, advocates and community service organisations in New South Wales, Queensland and Tasmania.

The research team is led by Alan Morris (UTS) and includes Hal Pawson and David Lilley (UNSW), Cameron Parsell, Andrew Clarke and Lynda Cheshire (UQ) and Catherine Robinson (SARC, Anglicare Tasmania).

The partner organisations supporting the project include Shelter NSW, Queensland Shelter, Homelessness NSW, St George Community Housing, Micah Projects, Wentworth Community Housing, Housing Plus, Community Housing and Anglicare Tasmania.

The project

The primary aim of this project is to understand the lived experience of applicants for social housing and the impacts of being on the waiting list for social housing for extended periods of time. This will involve multiple interviews with those designated both priority and non-priority on the waiting list.

The project also aims to provide enhanced understanding of current social housing waiting list assessment and decision-making procedures, including how applying for, waiting for, and receiving a housing offer are experienced by applicants. Interviews with key informants on waiting list policy and management will be conducted. The project will include analysis of social housing waiting list data where this is available.

The high value of this project for SARC is its emphasis on the lived experience of people waiting for social housing and what this might tell us about how the housing application process can be improved, what targeted supports are most useful to those waiting, and the crucial role secure housing plays in all aspects of well-being, including parenting, family and community connections, employment, health and education.

Project outputs

This is a multi-state project with multiple investigators which runs until 2024. There will be a range of publications and other outputs from this project led by different investigators. A specific final report on the lived experience of waiting for social housing in Tasmania will be undertaken by Dr Catherine Robinson and published through the Social Action and Research Centre.

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