



Community Housing

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Homelessness lessons from Canada

Canada's 10-year National Housing Strategy will remove 530,000 families from housing need, cut chronic homelessness by half and change the face of housing in Canada.

Why can't Australia do the same? Victoria currently holds the unenviable record of having the lowest proportion of social housing, per capita, in the country; 20 per cent of Australia's homeless live in Victoria and the waitlist for social housing (both public and community housing) currently sits at 48,925.

The peak body for community housing, CHIA Vic, is to host a masterclass by Canadian housing expert Steve Pomeroy outlining successful strategies used by provinces in his country to increasing housing supply – even with limited federal funding.

Steve is widely recognised as one of the leading housing policy experts and thought leaders in Canada. He is a Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for Urban Research Education (CURE), Carleton University, and the Principal of Focus Consulting Inc.

The masterclass will be held on Tuesday, September 10 and Steve will be available for media interviews on from Friday, September 6 to Monday, September 9. CHIA Vic's CEO Lesley Dredge will also be available.

For details, and to book an interview with Steve Pomeroy and/or Lesley Dredge, please contact CHIA Vic's Media & Communications Manager Kate Robertson on 0401 170 932.