



Housing SA

In Housing SA we work to create a better life for South Australians by working with and for South Australians to create and deliver a range of housing options. Our aim is to provide South Australians with a range of housing options from access to emergency and crisis accommodation, private rental assistance, provision and management of leased tenancy options, through to affordable home ownership. Housing SA partners with other agencies to maximise housing outcomes for South Australians and provide an efficient and effective regulatory service of organisations providing housing services on behalf of government.

Housing is about homes and the wellbeing of individuals and families. The proportion of people in housing stress in South Australia has increased over the last decade. Affordability is a pressing issue for both those renting and those seeking to purchase and too many South Australians remain homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Under the National Affordable Housing Agreement 2009 and its associated partnership agreements, the Commonwealth and South Australian Governments have committed to reduce homelessness and invest in social housing, including for remote and regional Aboriginal communities. Through maximising our housing assets and working with our partners in other sectors, we want to support families and individuals through opportunities for a good place to live.

Housing SA acts on behalf of the South Australian Housing Trust (SAHT) Board under a Performance Agreement to undertake the functions of the *South Australian Housing Trust Act 1995* and other relevant legislation and to carry out the objectives and policies of the Government.

Housing SA consists of the following directorates:

- **Community Partnerships & Growth**
- **Asset Services**
- **Corporate Services**
- **Homelessness Strategy**
- **Housing ICT**
- **Housing Services**
- **Strategy, Policy & Aboriginal Outcomes**

In Housing SA we are...

Improving access to affordable housing

The Department will continue to provide appropriate social housing to those who are most in need of assistance, as well as providing a range of support to help them maintain their tenancies.

We are also broadening our role to improve clients' access to affordable rental accommodation and home ownership options - these may not be in public housing but in the broader affordable housing marketplace.

Housing SA continues to support initiatives to assist people to access private rental or to purchase affordable housing.



Supporting people with special and high needs

People with special and high needs face particular problems in obtaining and maintaining stable, appropriate housing.

We will continue to work in partnership with agencies that support people with special and high needs to provide specialised housing and support programs.

Reducing homelessness

Reducing the number of people experiencing homelessness remains a high priority. We will continue to work in partnership with service support agencies in the prevention of homelessness and respond to those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness as early and effectively as possible. We have and are continuing to develop new initiatives, raise standards of practice, streamline client pathways and improve the connection of services.

Renewing Communities

Where people live matters to them. The Department will progress its urban and community renewal initiatives to revitalise priority areas for residents by replacing obsolete and ageing housing with new energy and water efficient dwellings and will work with a range of partners to upgrade public spaces and create more active and attractive places.

We will also expand housing choice and diversity in communities by developing a greater mix of housing types for people who are renting and buying.

Improving housing opportunities for Aboriginal South Australians

We recognise improving housing opportunities is fundamental to achieving a better life for Aboriginal South Australians. We will substantially increase the supply and standard of housing in remote Aboriginal communities and work with both remote and non-remote Aboriginal South Australians to achieve long term sustainable tenancy support and management.

Valuing our partners

We recognise that we cannot achieve our goals alone.

We will continue to work in partnership with government agencies and non-government organisations as well as the private sector, to expand housing choices for all South Australians.

The types of job roles we have in Housing SA include:

- Housing Officer
- Allocation Officer
- Building Construction Manager
- Customer Service Officer
- Maintenance Coordinator
- Project Officer
- Policy Officer
- Property Coordinator
- Social Worker
- Private Rental Liaison Officer

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