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VOTE HOME campaign achieves a win with two major parties now committed to significant actions to address the housing and homelessness crisis

The [Vote Home campaign](#) now eagerly awaits an affordable housing and homelessness policy from the Liberal and National parties.

At the Community Housing Federation of Victoria conference yesterday, Senator Katy Gallagher, ALP Shadow Minister for housing and homelessness, announced the [ALP's platform](#). It includes significant elements of the #votehome election platform including:

- the development of a national affordable housing strategy
- aiming to halve homelessness by 2025
- agreement on national targets to increase the supply of affordable housing dwellings
- to develop an Affordable Housing Industry Plan to ensure the long-term development of a sustainable affordable housing sector
- limiting negative gearing
- identifying housing targets to Close the Gap for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians; and
- appointing a Minister for Housing and Homelessness.

The Greens have already made significant commitments to reform housing taxes, increase affordable housing and end homelessness.

Polling has found that the Australian public has identified housing as one of the key issues of the election.

The second [National Rental Affordability Index](#) released yesterday by National Shelter found that low-income households often pay up to 85% of their income in rent and the 2016 Census is expected to find a significant increase in homelessness across Australia.

This is in the context of the Federal Government having no affordable housing strategy and making no commitment to continue the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness that expires on June 2017.

In the next 15 days of the campaign the Vote Home campaign will continue to call for affordable housing and homelessness policies from the Liberal and National parties, and will seek firmer commitments from the ALP including setting a concrete target and allocating resources to increase the number of affordable rental housing dwellings, a greater commitment to affordable housing for women and children escaping domestic and family violence, allocation of housing as part of the introduction of the NDIS and a commitment of funding to support the aim to halve homelessness by 2025.

For further information on the Vote Home campaign please go to change.org/votehome



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