

Insights from August 2024 Learning Circle  
**Tackling Housing Inequity in Australia**



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## The Current Landscape

- Homeownership in Australia is in decline due to unaffordability
- Costs and benefits of current housing policies are unevenly distributed
- 1.25+ million adults in Australia experience housing stress
- Dominant public narratives stigmatise those experiencing housing stress
- Inadequate rental protection laws cause unsafe and unaffordable renting conditions
- More and more Australians want major change to address housing affordability

## What role can philanthropy play in supporting housing equity? **6 Recommendations**

- ✓ **Build organisations' advocacy and campaigning capacity** to reframe housing as a right
- ✓ **Support solutions for affordable and social housing**, and rental rights and standards
- ✓ **Help pilot programs** that are unlikely to receive government funding at an early stage
- ✓ **Consult those with lived experience** of housing barriers
- ✓ **Invest in place-based housing solutions**, especially in regional and rural areas
- ✓ **Provide ongoing unrestricted funding** to allow frontline organisations to do meaningful work

## Organisations and campaigns tackling the housing crisis



**Anika Legal** is a not-for-profit legal service for renters, fighting for fair housing and addressing rental inequality through casework, innovation and systemic advocacy. [anika-legal.com](http://anika-legal.com)



**Everybody's Home** is a national campaign calling on the government to take responsibility and bring balance back to Australia's housing system. [everybodyshome.com.au](http://everybodyshome.com.au)



**Wilya Janta** is an Aboriginal not-for-profit cultural consultancy that promotes community agency in the design of housing in Indigenous communities. [wilyajanta.org](http://wilyajanta.org)

## Learn more

**Tackling Inequality** is one of four focus areas of the Impact Fund, Australian Communities Foundation's flagship fund, which harnesses the power of collective giving to address Australia's most critical issues.

Stay tuned for ways you can get involved in supporting access to safe, affordable and sustainable housing through the Fund in 2024. [communityfoundation.org.au/impact-fund](http://communityfoundation.org.au/impact-fund)

Join us at our annual **Impact Fund Showcase** in October to meet some of Australia's leading changemakers working for justice and learn how your giving can support real change. [communityfoundation.org.au/connecting/calendar](http://communityfoundation.org.au/connecting/calendar)

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