



# Our Housing Plan for Western Australia



Government of **Western Australia**  
Department of **Communities**

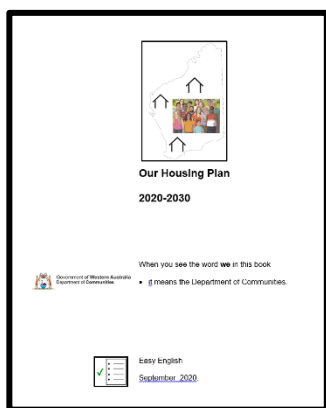
When you see the word **we** in this book

- it means the Department of Communities.



Easy English

October 2020.



## In this book

This book is about the **WA Housing Strategy**.

It tells you about our housing plan  
for Western Australia.

We will call it our **housing plan** in this book.

We call Western Australia **WA**.



Our housing plan will help people in WA  
to have a home.



Our housing plan has goals that go  
for 10 years.

- our housing plan starts in 2020.



- we want to meet our goals by 2030.

## Acknowledgement of country

We know we do not own our country.

We respect the people who look after it

- from the beginning
- now
- in the future.



We respect our Aboriginal communities.

We respect

- the people
- the culture
- the Elders.



We respect their special link with the

- land
- waters
- community.



## Message from the Minister for Housing

The Honourable Peter Tinley is a Minister  
in our government.

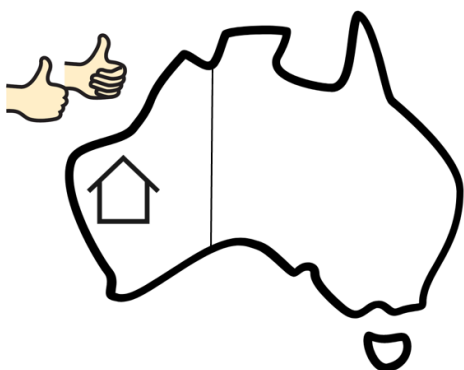
We call him Hon Peter Tinley.

He looks after some important parts  
of our government.

He takes care of housing in WA.

He wants you to know that

- it is great to live and work in WA
- it is important to have a home.



Hon Peter Tinley supports the housing plan  
in this book.

## A home is important



A home needs to meet your needs.

A home can help you



- feel safe



- have good health

- feel happy



- feel you belong in your community.

## You need a safe home

In a **safe** home there is



- no violence



- no fear



- no danger.

## You need a stable home

In a **stable** home you

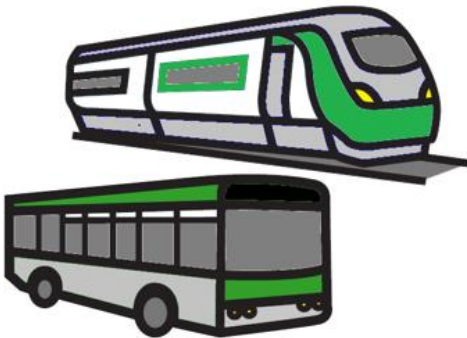


- know you can stay
- know you can get services.

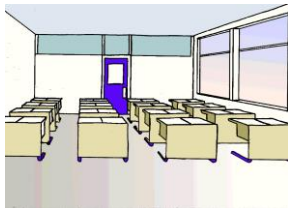
## You need a sustainable home

In a **sustainable** home you can  
do the things you need to do.

You will be close to



- trains
- buses



- schools



- work

and



- friends.

## About our plan

We will make sure more people can

- find a home



- get a home

and

- keep a home.



We will help you have more choice  
for your home.



We will make sure homes are

- easy to get

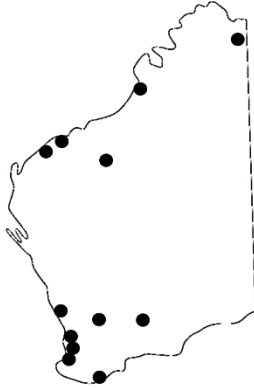


- easy to change.



## How we made our plan

We found out what people need.



We asked a lot of people around WA.

We asked them

- in interviews
- in workshops
- on social media  
like Facebook.



## Why we need our plan

Lots of people need help to

**connect** to a home.



**Connect to a home** may mean you

- own your home



- rent your home

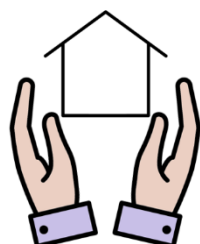
or

- live in **social housing**.

**Social housing** means a home from



- the government



- a charity group.

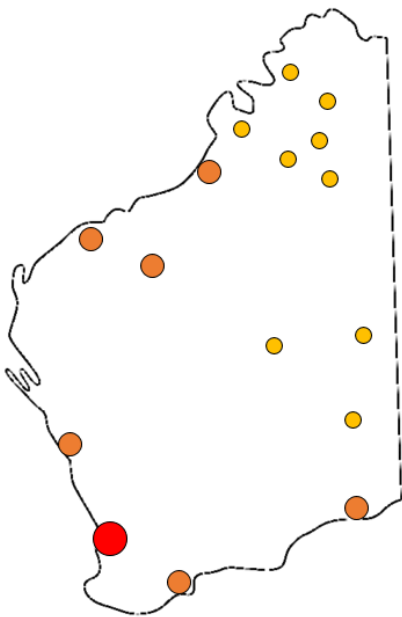


We will help all different people  
who need help with housing.

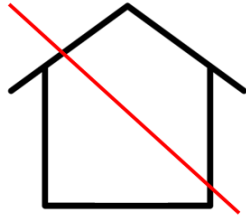
We will help people in lots of different places.

Like

- in the city
- in small towns
- in **remote** communities.



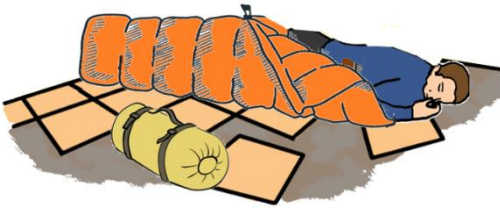
Remote communities are far away  
from other places.



Some people do not have a place to call home.

We call them **homeless**.

They may have to live



- with strangers
- on the street.



Some people may not be safe where they live.

We can help people find



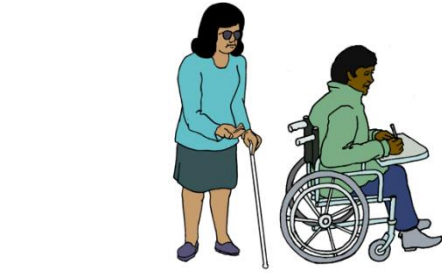
- a place to stay in a hurry
- a place to stay for a short time.

We call this **crisis accommodation**.

Some people need support in their home.

They may

- have disability
- have mental health problems

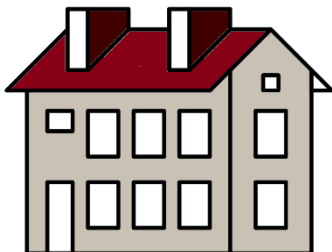


- use drugs a lot.



They may need

- room for special equipment
- room for carers to stay.



They may need to live in a room  
in a hostel.

We call this

- **supported housing**
- **social housing.**

Some people need help to



- pay rent for a home

or



- buy a home.

We will give better choice of homes.

We will help you find a home based on



- how much money you get



- how old you are
- your culture.

We want to make more homes **affordable**.

Affordable means you can



- live in a home that meets your needs

**and**

- still pay for other important things.

Like



– food

– electricity.

## People we will help

We will give special help to



- families with children



- young people



- Aboriginal people

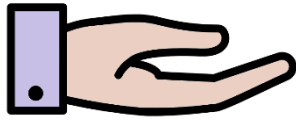


- people with disability



- older Western Australians.





We will give better support



- to get a home
- to look after your home



- to move to a different home.



We will give most support to people who



- have lots of needs



- are not able to earn a lot of money.

We say they are **on low incomes**.

## Our outcomes

Our outcomes are what we want to happen.

We want to make sure



- you have a good choice of homes



- your home will suit you

**and**

- your community will suit you
  - now
  - in the future

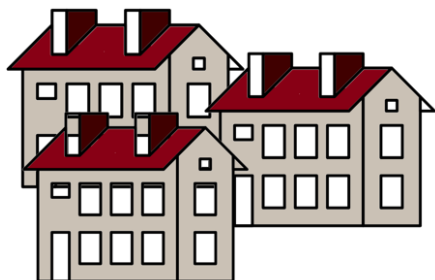


- you can make more decisions about your home
- you can get a home that meets your needs
- you can move homes if you need to.

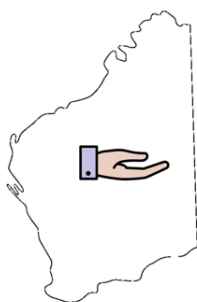
# What our housing plan will do

## 1. Supply

We will make sure



- there are more social homes
- there is more crisis accommodation



- there is more help in the country areas



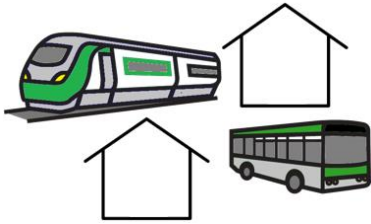
- more homes meet the needs of Aboriginal people.

We call this our **supply** focus.

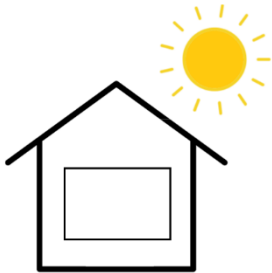
This will give you more home choices  
to suit your needs.

## 2. Design

We will make sure



- more homes are near trains and buses

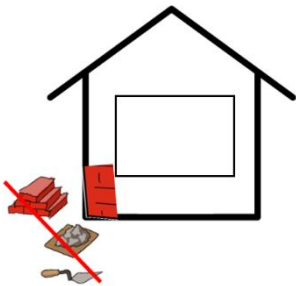


- homes suit where they are

- homes are made better.

Like

homes that are **not** made of bricks



- are cheap to make



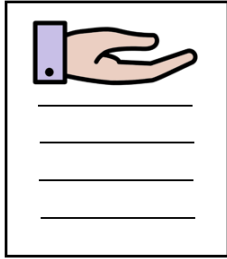
- do not trap heat.

We call this our **design** focus.

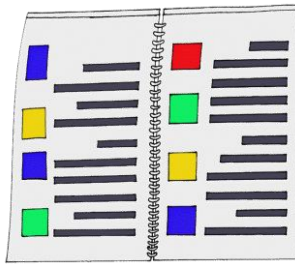
Your home and community will suit you  
for a long time.

### 3. Information

We will give you more information about



- the help you can get
- how to get help

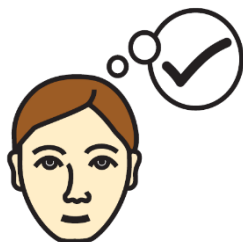


- the rules for living in a social home
- the rules for living in a rented home



We will give more information to the people who build homes too.

We call this our **housing literacy** focus.



It means you can make more decisions about your home.

## 4. Access



We will find out what you need.

We will keep a record of what you need.



We will help people with disability

- get an affordable home
- fit the right equipment in their home.



We will help people who are homeless

- get a safe home
- get supports.



We will help more people on low income

- get a home loan

or

- rent a home.

We will help young people who need  
a support home



- live with other young people
- **not** live in an aged people home.

We call this our **access** focus.



It means you can get a home  
to meet your needs.

## 5. Housing pathways

We will make more housing types.

We know it is important to have home choices.

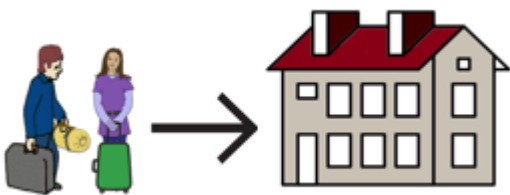
It helps people to

- work
- be involved in the community.



This is good for the WA economy.

We will help people who are homeless move



- from crisis accommodation
- to social housing.



We will help people in social housing move

- to a rented home
- to own a home.



Some times your home needs may change.

Like



- you get a better job

or



- you lose your job.

We will help you

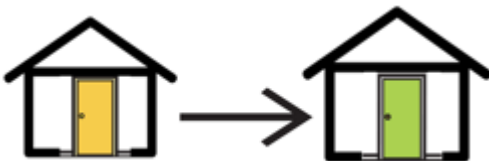


- stay in the same home

but

- pay for it in a different way

or



- move to a different home.

We call this our **housing pathways** focus.

## How we will make our housing plan work

We make special plans.

We call them **implementation plans**.

They tell us



- what we need to do
- how we will use our money.

We will work with



- private business
- community business



- communities



- people who need help.



We will keep checking that the plan is working.



The WA government has a lot of money packages that help



- people who lose their job
- people get a loan from the bank
- people build a home

The packages also help



- build new social homes
- do up social homes.



Our housing plan links with other government plans.

You can ask us for more information about other plans.

## More information

You can contact the Department  
of Communities.

You can call



- 08 6277 5699

or

- 1800 176 888.



Email [enquiries@communities.wa.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@communities.wa.gov.au)

Website [communities.wa.gov.au](http://communities.wa.gov.au)



You can ask in other languages

- call 13 14 50



People can get help with hearing or  
speech

from the website for the National Relay

Service access hub

[relayservice.gov.au](http://relayservice.gov.au)

## Thank you



We worked hard to make this plan.

We thank a lot of people who helped.



Like

- people who need help to get a home



- the WA Housing Strategy Working Group.

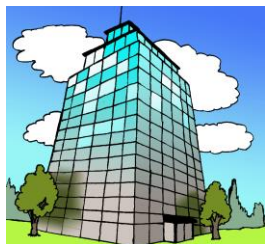
This is a group of people

- in the community
- in business.

Other organisations also helped.

Like

- Shelter WA
- Youth Advisory Council of WA
- The Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute at Curtin Research Centre.



We call them AHURI.

## About this book



This book helps you understand the WA Housing Strategy 2020-2030.

The Department of Communities wrote this book.

We used information from lots of studies.

You can ask us for a list of the studies.



The Accessible Information Service at VisAbility wrote the Easy English.

October 2020.

We use pictures from



- Inspired Services
- The Noun Project
- Mulberry images from Straightstreet
- Dreamstime
- The WA Housing Strategy 2020-2030.



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