



Common Ground

Develop two Common Ground facilities to provide permanent, supportive housing to help address chronic homelessness



Part of All Paths Lead to a Home:
Western Australia's 10-year Strategy on Homelessness



Two purpose-built facilities

- Permanent housing
- Multi-storey facility
- Shared function and meeting space
- Commercial/social enterprise space
- On-site support services
- Communal indoor/outdoor space

Location

- Responsive to locations of unmet need
- Site one: Perth CBD – Hill Street, East Perth
- Site two: Allnutt Street, Mandurah



Outcomes

- Access to safe and permanent housing
- Visible reduction of rough sleepers within the local community
- Increased access to training opportunities to maximise employability
- Improved health and wellbeing for residents
- Boost employment in construction industry
- Commercial opportunity for local business
- Reduced cost to government services
- Increased housing supply



Approach

- Evidence-based model to end chronic homelessness
- Crime prevention through architectural design
- Independent evaluation
- 'Housing first' approach



Residents

- People who have experienced chronic homelessness, including people with complex needs such as trauma, mental health issues and serious physical health issues
- Low-income earners seeking social housing



Support service

- Individualised support plans
- Onsite support providers
- Visiting support services

Case management

Supported environment to meet complex needs

Learnings from Brisbane Common Ground

- Marked improvements in residents' mental and physical health
- Residents described Common Ground as 'safe'
- 93% of residents described Common Ground as 'home'
- Annual state government cost saving of \$13,100 per resident
- Independently evaluated with positive results



Design

- Purpose-built facility with self-contained apartments
- Environmentally sustainable design, disability accessible and culturally safe
- 24/7 concierge/security function
- Integrated into the community



Principles of Common Ground



Immediate access to housing with no preconditions

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Social housing

Formerly homeless



Culturally safe



Case management and access to support



Positive social connection

Data analysis and design brief

Location selection

Architectural design and planning

Construction

Service providers appointed

Site completion and fit out

Facility opens