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Manager housing

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Q10

Describe the experiences of people struggling to access affordable and suitable housing in the context of your organisation's work.

Young people in homelessness exist within a constraint whereby adults already exist in the housing system and therefore the young person experiences increased stress, depleted sense of hope with very little end in sight. Young people are priced out of the housing market due to the growing disparity of income and affordability. The experience of young people and FV in the home is often underreported and/or not believed/actioned. Young people often experience systemic disadvantage and discrimination in addition to existing individual circumstances. Housing market moving towards increased profit and young people come from a deficit in this space.

Q11

Describe the flow-on impacts of the housing crisis in the context of your organisation's work.

All round health and social connectedness of young people is impacted by housing unaffordability and availability. Young people present with additional complexity and compete with peers for basic human rights, creating further pressure in their sense of belonging and hope.

Q12

Describe how current policy settings impact housing affordability and access to housing from your organisation's perspective.

Long term concerns to address homelessness and housing affordability seem to be extrapolated beyond the current generation.

Q13

Describe what actions your organisation believes should be taken by governments to most improve affordability and access to housing.

Whilst complexity of individual presentations has increased, this hasn't been matched with resourcing and funding. Strengthen the percentage of properties quarantined and suitable for young people. Ensuring mandatory inclusionary zoning on all new estates. Provide direction to the provision of affordable housing and its definition for the homelessness sector. Greater distinction between public and community housing and its availability to low income earners. Government to broaden and strengthen its partnerships with the LG, commercial and private sector to hold them accountable to principles to reduce homelessness and increase affordable housing - see and act on housing as a basic human right.

Q14

Is there anything else your organisation would like to share with the Commission?

Need for purpose built properties that are aligned with individual and flexible support options.

Lack of property upkeep and new stock has been neglected. This results in young people accepting housing with limited choice in where and how they wish to live and can increase the need for numerous relocations e.g 3 bedroom becomes unaffordable and the young person needs to down size
