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Name of organisation

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Your name

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Position

Minister

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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.

a huge amount of energy goes into searching for affordable housing. Having to live in crowded accommodation is especially difficult for students to find physical and mental space to study.

Q11

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

even those who are in rental accommodation with a secure lease are dealing with the anxiety of a rent increase or eviction at the end of the lease. this radiates out to their relationships and other engagements.

Q12

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

it is the continued fetishising of housing as a financial investment rather than housing as a public good and as a public utility that is at the root of housing policy.

Q13

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

go back and examine the post-war policies and find in them lessons for how governments can build more houses.

Q14

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

we would like the government and the society to stop talking about 'social housing.' this ghettoises the problem. there is only housing, some provided by the private sector and some by government.
