

What can local government do to end homelessness?

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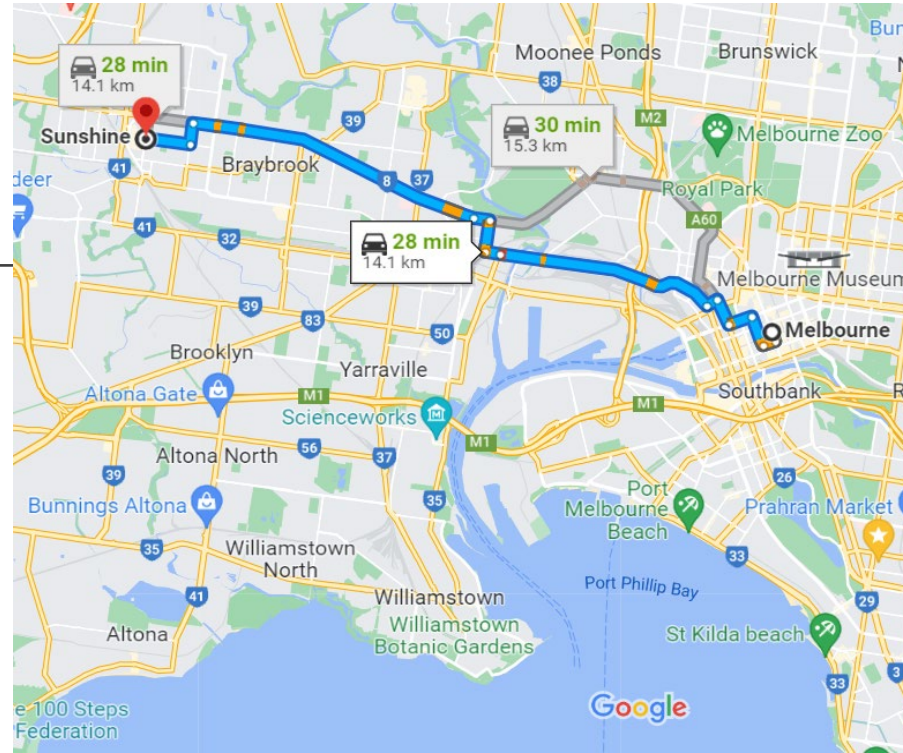
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The observations of an Australian local government worker



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City Circle

35





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ELIZABETH ST
11AM YESTERDAY

WORLD'S MOST LIVEABLE SKID ROW

Welfare Agencies not coping

Homeless numbers reach crisis point in city

Aisha Dow

Homelessness in Melbourne has reached "emergency" levels, with the city overwhelmed by rough sleepers and welfare agencies unable to meet surging demand for housing.

Hundreds of complaints have been made by Melbourne residents and businesses, distressed that foot-

store on Bourke Street was "not really desirable for business".

David Jones later said the complaint was not made through official channels and its approach to the issue was "one of concern and respect for homeless people".

Yet the caller still shared the sentiments of many, who believed the record numbers of rough sleepers

GRAND SLUM

HOMELESS STREET CAMPS BLIGHT CITY GATEWAY
COUNCIL DEMANDS TOUGHER POLICE ACTION

A HOMELESS camp has erupted in the Melbourne city centre, blighting the city gateway and causing major disruption to commuters and tourists.

The makeshift camp, which has taken the form of a tent city, is now growing to encompass the best of the city's central business district.

There, behind, amidst, and around the city's most famous buildings, a new police force is struggling to deal with the growing number of homeless people who are camping in the city.

It is a stark contrast to the city's reputation as a world-class destination.

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HOMELESS CRISIS **MOB RULE AS LEADERS GO...**

MISSING IN ACTION



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NO DJOKER!
Six-time champ Novak Djokovic is out of the Australian Open after crashing to tennis battler Denis Istomin, a player ranked 117 in the world.

Ambos in addition shock
AT LAST, LEADERS ACT AND PROMISE A...

CLEAN OUT

CITY'S HOMELESS CRISIS

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Shocked tourists feel unsafe around station

FOR the traders on Flinders St the antics of those in the homeless camp were predictable. But the aggressive behaviour of those now living outside the iconic station has shocked tourists.



DRY ZONE
NO DRUGS
NO ALCOHOL
NO DISRESPECT

WE ARE
NOT
VIOLENT

HOME



HOME







Homelessness in Australia

Census 2016 (next out 2023)

- 116,247 people classified homeless, up 14%
- 50 persons for every 10,000. experienced homelessness
- Rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 6-7 times that amount
- Downtown Melbourne – probably around 200 people sleeping rough.



Where are people experiencing homelessness?

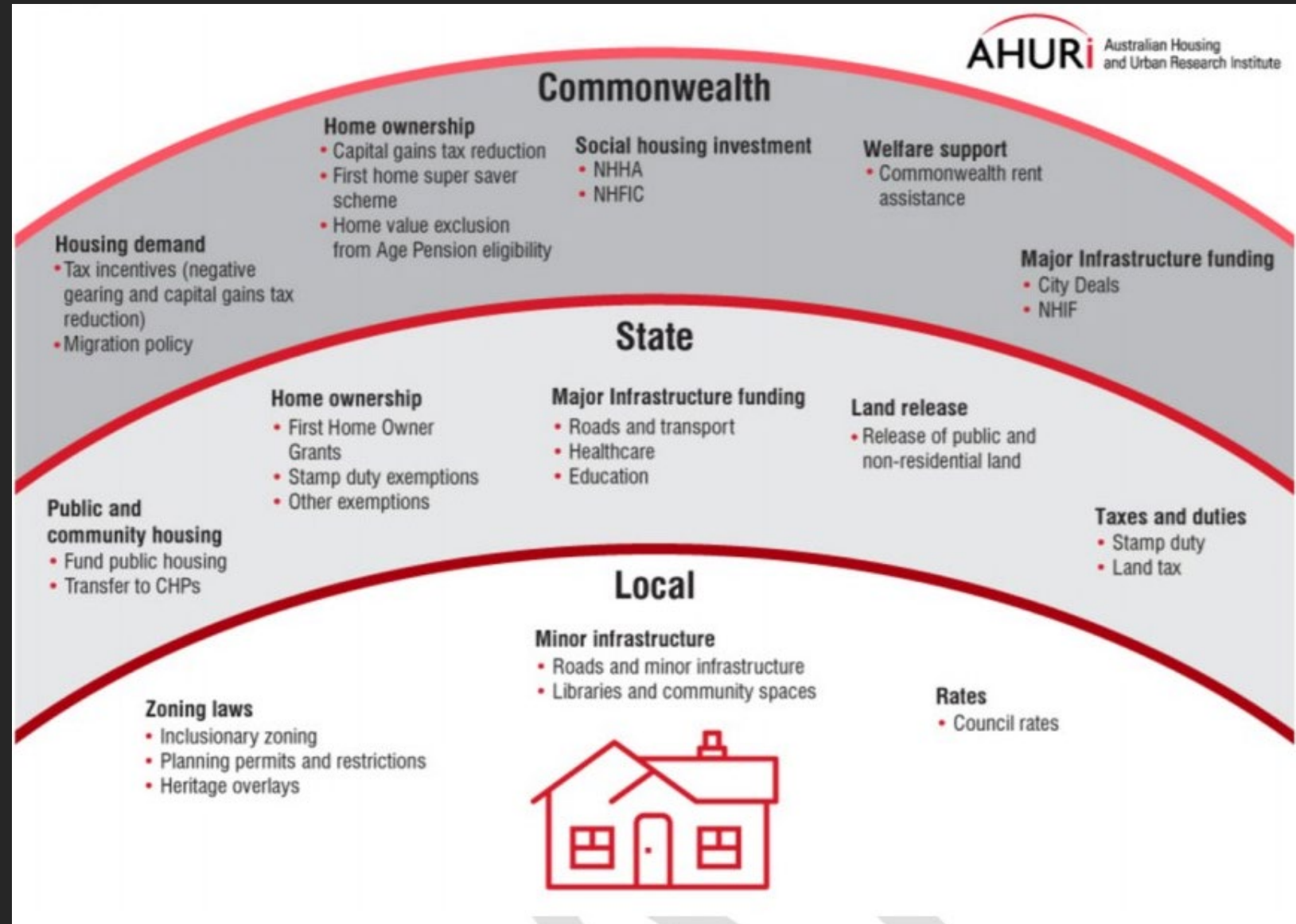
TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION	TOTAL NUMBERS 2016	% OF HOMELESS PEOPLE IN AUSTRALIA	% INCREASE BETWEEN 2011-2016
 People sleeping rough	8,200	7%	20%
 Persons in supported accommodation for the homeless	21,235	18%	0%
 Persons staying temporarily with other households	17,725	15%	2%
 Persons living in boarding houses	17,503	15%	17%
 Persons in other temporary lodgings	678	1%	-1%
 Persons in severely crowded dwellings	51,088	44%	23%

My Churchill Fellowship

2019 Jack Brockhoff Foundation Churchill Fellowship to investigate how councils can respond to rough sleeping while balancing responsibilities to the wider community.



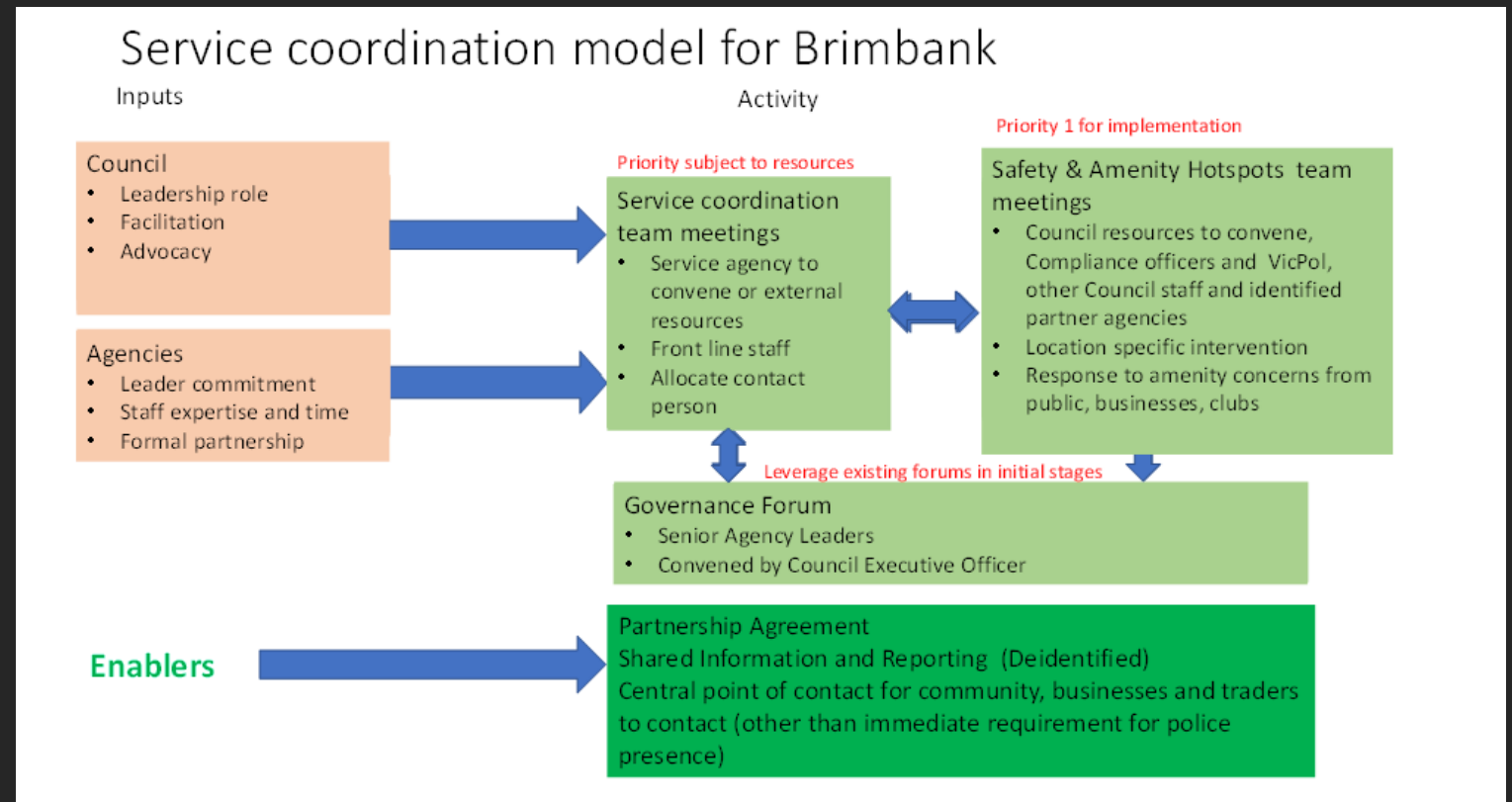
1. HOUSING SUPPLY



2. HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY



3. SERVICE COORDINATION AND NETWORK BUILDING



4. MANAGEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CHARITIES AND SERVICES



5. HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION



6. INTERNAL COORDINATION



7. COUNCIL FACILITIES FOR FRONTLINE INTERVENTION



8. ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION



9. DATA COLLECTION



QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

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Local Government and Homelessness - Leanne's Churchill Fellowship journey

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A laser focus on rough sleeping

Lambeth is a young, diverse and transitory borough of around 300,000 residents, including Vauxhall, Waterloo, Clapham and Brixton. It includes some of the richest parts of country and number of the poorest.

It was great to meet up with Lambeth's head of commissioning, Paul Davis, on 19 October and hear about their extremely targeted approach in addressing rough sleeping.

While the good news is that numbers of people sleeping on the streets are not as high as other places (currently around 10 to 20 - it used to be much higher), I thought Lambeth's experience and approach is a very good example of why it is important to maintain commitment in addressing

About Me



Leanne

Welcome to my Churchill Fellowship travel blog! I am an Australian government worker, writer and anthropologist, convinced that we can all do better to make the world a fairer place. In 2019, I was awarded the Jack Brockhoff Foundation Churchill Fellowship to investigate how councils can respond to rough sleeping while balancing responsibilities to the wider

Cities People Love

All responsibility, little power: what can local government do to end homelessness?

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SY6n-8adq3E>



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