



South Australia and Western Australia 10-year Housing Strategies

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Yfoundations is pleased to see that both the South Australian and Western Australian State Governments have released Homelessness and Housing Strategies for 2020-2030.

Yfoundations congratulates the McGowan Government on the release of 'All Paths Lead to a Home', Western Australia's 10-Year Strategy on Homelessness 2020-2030. The WA Government will develop two 'Common Ground' facilities to house and support rough sleepers. Furthermore, WA announced \$72million funding increase for homelessness services, building on the \$150 million Housing Investment Package announced on 3rd December.

Yfoundations are pleased to see that young people are identified in the 'All Paths Lead to a Home' WA Strategy, as 'Early Intervention' and 'Better Transitions from Government Services' are two of the priorities for the WA Government. In order to develop effective prevention and early intervention approaches, the WA Government recognise the need to address the main drivers that lead young people into homelessness.

The South Australian Marshall Government have also unveiled their Housing and Homelessness Strategy. The plan includes \$400 million to deliver 1000 new affordable homes by 2025, and \$70 million for social housing and to establish a homeless prevention fund.

"Youth Homelessness is complex! And whilst crisis support will always play a critical role in supporting young people in need - it is only part of the solution. More investment is needed into long-term solutions. Ending youth homelessness will take a whole of sector, community, and government response". - Pam Barker, Yfoundations CEO

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About Yfoundations

Yfoundations is the peak body for youth homelessness in NSW. It represents young people at risk of and experiencing homelessness in NSW, and also represents the services that provide direct support to children and young people.

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Since it was founded as the “Youth Refuge Action Group” in 1979, Yfoundations has been supporting young people who are at risk of and experiencing homelessness and works collaboratively with members, NGOs, government departments and community members, to provide policy and structural advocacy, services for young people, health projects, and research and sector development.

Yfoundations believes that with access to mechanisms that support the development and attainment of each foundation, a young person is more likely to enter adulthood with the skills, interests, competencies and healthy behaviours necessary build a productive and bright future.