

Call to Action:

“A ROOF FOR EVERY YOUTH!”

Creating an Aotearoa without Youth Homelessness

Manaaki Rangatahi is calling for bipartisan support to respond to the urgent human rights crisis of youth homelessness facing Aotearoa.

We present a powerful call to action to address the pressing issue of youth homelessness in our country. We implore you to consider the following proposals, backed by strong rationale and evidence, as we strive towards a world without young individuals experiencing homelessness.

We are calling for every political party over the next term of Parliament to commit to advancing these six calls to action. In doing so Aotearoa will take a significant step in responding to, addressing, and laying the groundwork to end youth homelessness.

1

Enshrine the Right to Housing:

By enacting legislation that guarantees the right to a decent and healthy home, we can ensure that every young person in our nation has the fundamental right to a safe and stable living environment. This not only aligns with our values of social justice but also lays the foundation for a society that supports and nurtures its youth.

2

Prohibit Government Agencies from Releasing Youth into Homelessness:

We urge you to enact legislation that prevents government agencies from releasing vulnerable young individuals into homelessness. Instead, let us establish a system where these agencies are obligated to provide suitable and supported housing options before these young people transition out of care. This approach will safeguard their well-being and set them on a path towards stability and independence.

3

Develop a Comprehensive Strategy to Prevent/End Youth Homelessness:

Now is the time to commit to implementing a comprehensive strategy that effectively prevents and ultimately eradicates youth homelessness. By investing in prevention, early intervention, and targeted support services, we can address the root causes of youth homelessness, close the pipelines, and provide the necessary resources for young individuals to thrive.

4

Invest in Upscaling and Upskilling Youth Housing/Homelessness Services:

Significant investment in the expansion and enhancement of youth housing and homelessness services is imperative. By bolstering these services, we empower dedicated professionals to provide tailored support, mentorship, and pathways to education and employment. This investment is an investment in the future of our nation.

5

Retain and Strengthen the Role of the Associate Minister of Housing in Homelessness:

We passionately advocate for the retention and strengthening of the position of the Associate Minister of Housing in Homelessness. This dedicated role ensures focused attention, expertise, and coordination to tackle the multifaceted challenges of homelessness, including youth homelessness. Let us work together to strengthen this crucial position and amplify its impact.

6

Data Collection on Youth Homelessness:

To effectively address youth homelessness, we must understand its magnitude and unique aspects. We urge you to require all government agencies to collect and report data on the housing status of young individuals under their care. This data will provide invaluable insights for evidence-based policies and targeted interventions.

Could you indicate whether your party supports the following actions to end youth homelessness?

*On actions you support, will your party be willing to work collaboratively within parliament in this next term to advance these actions, with the goal of taking a significant step towards ending youth homelessness?

PARTY:		PARTY REPRESENTATIVE NAME:	
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Do you support?	Yes	No	More Detail
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