

ADVANCING HOUSING JUSTICE

If you are working to address housing stress, support secure tenancy and prevent homelessness in regional Victoria, and want to learn more about the Collaborate for Change project – please get in touch.

ABOUT THIS PROJECT



Regional Victoria is in a housing crisis. Rents have risen and social housing is scarce. Many people are one setback away from losing their home - and often don't know their rights or where to access support.

The pressures look different from town to town and the solutions do too. This project seeks to understand what housing and renter stress actually looks like in regional Victoria, what legal and non-legal help is missing for people who rent or are at risk of homelessness, and what needs to change.

WHAT THE PROJECT WILL DO

- Map the barriers to housing justice in each area.
- Bring local organisations together to plan practical, place-based responses.
- Build stronger pathways between legal help, housing support and other community services.
- Gather evidence and lived experience expertise that show what works, what doesn't and where investment is needed.
- Hold a major regional housing summit in 2026 to bring these insights to government and sector leaders.

WHY THIS APPROACH

In regional, rural and remote Victoria, people face specific barriers to safe, secure, quality and affordable housing, such as:

- Few rental options and strong competition for homes.
- Discrimination in tight rental markets.
- Limited social housing.
- Climate disasters that put whole towns at risk.
- Barriers for First Nations people, culturally and racially marginalised people, people living with disability, older and younger people, people leaving prison, people living below the poverty line and people experiencing family violence, mental health issues or visa insecurities.
- Service fragmentation and lack of support.

These issues can't be solved by one organisation alone. They need local services working together and tailored, targeted approaches.



WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

- Clear, local action plans shaped by the people who live and work in regional, rural and remote communities.
- Stronger connections between legal, housing and community services.
- Community legal centres learning from each other, building capacity and sharing insights across regions.
- Better information to influence policy and funding.
- A united regional voice calling for practical, place-based housing solutions.

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