

PUBLIC HOUSING, HEALTH CARE, EDUCATION

PUBLIC HOUSING

Public housing is a right, not a privilege. Public housing gives people who cannot afford to rent privately or buy a home the opportunity to enjoy stable secure housing.

PIBCI believes that having a strong, mixed economy in the housing sector will not only reduce public housing waiting lists, it would help create secure housing. This would put downward pressure on an overinflated property market.

- All new and hitherto built public housing should remain under state management and oversight, with rental rates not exceeding 25% of resident's income.
- The money raised from property stamp duty should be used to spot purchase and build new public housing accommodation
- 20% of metropolitan developments with over 30 dwellings should be automatically handed over to the state (with compensation as independently assessed) to manage as public housing.

HEALTH CARE

Quality universal healthcare is a right and a necessity for a healthy society.

- Bulk billing needs to be encouraged and spread across all medical practices.
- The government should cease subsidising private health insurance, and instead subsidise public hospitals and doctors to treat or perform operations over \$300 and pay all costs for citizens who cannot afford to pay.
- A commission should be setup to investigate action required to improve and increase efficiency in the public hospital sector and establish ideal hospital to population ratios, GP to population ratios, patient nurse hospital ratios, supported accommodation nursing ratios and nursing home nurse and staff ratios.

EDUCATION

Public education of a high standard is a universal right, and must be upheld through government support.

- The government adequately fund all public schools and universities, to ensure free education is upheld as a right.
- Private and religious schools should be fully self- funded.
- Early childhood, primary and secondary teachers be required to pass national teaching standards.
- Land be put aside in all new suburbs for public early childhood, primary and secondary schools.

