



No Place For Home

No Place for Home is a report concerned with the loss of permanent accommodation in NSW Residential Parks. The report identifies multiple and regionally specific reasons for the downward trend in permanent accommodation provided by residential parks. These include parks being sold for development and/or manufactured homes due to increased land values, parks being upgraded for tourism or park closures due to state, federal and local factors such as increases in the cost of insurance or the routing of highway construction.

It is estimated that the loss of permanent accommodation provided by residential parks in NSW will affect the housing of more than 2000 of the most disadvantaged park residents in 2002 alone. The report makes a number of recommendations for action, to minimise the adverse consequences of this trend. A well-resourced and holistic government and community response is recommended in the short term, in order to manage both the re-housing of residents at closure and the safeguarding of resident's housing investment. Over the long term, the report recommends legislative change, to increase security of tenure for park residence. The use of State planning to retain affordable housing and an inquiry into the role of parks in the housing system is also recommended.

The Park and Village Service of the Combined Pensioners and Superannuants Association prepared the report, in conjunction with Shelter NSW and the I.B. Fell Housing Research Centre of Sydney University. It can be accessed at: www.e-bility.com.au/cpsa or www.tenants.org.au.

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