



*The Social Justice Bulletin informs Society members and staff about social justice activities in NSW and the latest news in our priority advocacy areas – housing & homelessness, people seeking asylum & refugees, energy affordability & cost of living pressures.*

### Social Justice in Action

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#### Discussion Paper: Foundations for Change – Homelessness in NSW

The NSW Government has released a discussion paper on homelessness. The Society is preparing a submission in response to the paper to inform the future of homelessness services, policies and funding in NSW.

For more information, visit the NSW Department of Family and Community Services website:

<https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/reforms/homelessness-strategy>

### Coming up

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#### Social Justice Sunday on 25 September

The Australian Catholic Social Justice Council will launch its Statement for 2016–17 on 25 September 2016. This year's statement is titled 'A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society'. Read more are:

<http://mavs.vinnies.org.au/event/social-justice-sunday-2016/>



#### Rosalie Rendu Lecture: The Changing Face of Poverty on 20 October 2016

This year's Rosalie Rendu lecture will focus on the growing, yet little known, issue of homelessness amongst older women. The keynote speaker will be the Hon Susan Ryan AO, former Age Discrimination Commissioner and Disability Discrimination Commissioner.

Registrations are now open: [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-changing-face-of-poverty-hon-susan-ryan-ao-tickets-27379679358](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-changing-face-of-poverty-hon-susan-ryan-ao-tickets-27379679358)

#### Anti-Poverty Week – 16-22 October 2016

Anti-Poverty Week is a week where all Australians are encouraged to organise or take part in an activity aiming to highlight or overcome issues of poverty and hardship here in Australia or overseas.

It is sponsored by the St Vincent de Paul Society, the Australian Red Cross, the Brotherhood of St Laurence and UNSW. Check out the full calendar of activities on Anti-Poverty Week's website at: <http://www.antipovertyweek.org.au/>



### Housing & Homelessness

#### Why building more homes won't fix Australia's housing affordability crisis

Building more houses will solve the affordable housing crisis, right? While this idea sounds appealing, it does not work. Specific, targeted action is required for the new houses and units on the market to be affordable – the NSW government could require by law that at least 15% of new developments be set aside for affordable housing. Read more at: <http://bit.ly/2bQndlu>

#### 'We're lucky here': Inside Sydney's Sirius Building



Myra Demetriou, 89, attended the Society's Affordable Housing Forum at the NSW Parliament House last June. Myra lives in public housing but the NSW Government wants to knock down her building, the *Sirius*, which was built at a time when our representatives thought that everyone, not just the wealthy, deserved to be part of the city. Read more about Myra's story <http://bit.ly/2cVdaLE>

### People Seeking Asylum & Refugees

#### Nayser missed the boat ... and now he's being forced to miss his family

Nayser is 63. His wife and children are in Australia. He is stuck on Manus Island in Papua New Guinea where he has been detained for years. Read and watch this heartbreaking story about the consequences of Australia's offshore detention regime on the Sydney Morning Herald's website: <http://bit.ly/2d7F5qM>



### Energy Affordability & Cost of Living Pressures

#### More than half of \$6.3 billion Omnibus savings will come from social security payments



The St Vincent de Paul Society welcomed news that people on Newstart and pensions will keep their carbon tax compensation, after Labor negotiated with the government to preserve the payment for income support recipients.

At the same time, the Society believes the Bill retains a raft of measures that will have a significant impact on disadvantaged and vulnerable individuals and families. Read more at <http://bit.ly/2cuLbCJ>

### More Stories



The 'Raising Your Voice for Social Justice' Facebook group will be closing soon. Instead, we will be posting social justice stories on the [NSW Vinnies Facebook page](#)



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