

<https://wayway.au/cowper/housing.pdf>

myGov's job is to provide shelter

During the '50s when our public institutions were being developed, a house went with the job for teachers, medicos, police - all the public servants. Now it's only churches, full of empty pews, who put their clerics in free housing from where they offer soup to the homeless. And mining companies for their FIFOs who leave their families in vans down on the foreshores.

There is nothing to stop myGov from bringing about housing for its employees again as well as helping business to provide housing for their workers. Developers are running amuck. Sure, cut fees and regulations so myGov can get it done but developers holding hands with local and state gov and building social quagmires for profit is not working. Market oriented "solutions" to the housing "crisis" are mired in feeding insatiable greed. Enough. Housing is for shelter, not for profit!

Right now, today, there are over 1000 homes for sale in Cowper. myGov can buy them all for a billion dollars and make them available immediately to public sector workers at fair rent. Buy every property for sale within 5 km of every school, hospital, police station etc. While they're at it, put PV and a battery on them -> power bill = zero! Add a water tank and fix the guttering. Put in some bike/walking tracks. Fix current problems. Do some good for the future.

150 electorates. 250 billion surplus in the Future Fund. 1.6 bill each. That's enough for 1200 house/unit purchases plus solar install in most electorates. Not all public service employees will need a myGov house. Those who do can pay around 20% of net income.— about \$1000 a month. On 1000 houses that's over a million a month income for myGov – plenty for rates and upkeep. The "market" would be totally disrupted. People who already own a house could rent it or sell it but the crazy days of bloated returns on property would be gone.

Each level of government has touted its credentials in support of eliminating homelessness and providing affordable housing. All three have policy statements and press releases urging us to recognise their commitment but the problems persist. Logically we'd expect local government to be closest being able to actually deliver affordable housing and eliminate homelessness but their policy is to advocate for state and federal governments to do it for them.

The state has assumed responsibility for providing health and education and have chosen to do so with hospitals and schools. The Australian human right commission has a lot to say about shelter: <https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/media-releases/commission-supports-bill-recognise-adequate-housing-human-right>

States of course depend on the federal government for power (read money). All of this political complexity is out of reach of the citizens except for their periodic obligation to vote in whichever elections, referenda or plebiscites our leaders care to offer. So the above 'solutions' require myGov to make it happen.