



HOMESHARE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND (HANZA) 2026 VICTORIAN STATE ELECTION PRIORITIES

HOMESHARE AND INVESTMENT IN VICTORIA

Homeshare programs have been operating in Australia for over 20 years and have been successful in the delivery of both economic and social benefits.

Homeshare is a facilitated arrangement in which a householder with a spare room shares their home with a home seeker in exchange for an agreed combination of financial contribution toward household costs, practical assistance or companionship. Matching, agreements and ongoing support are provided by an independent Homeshare program to ensure safe and mutually beneficial arrangements.

This proposal from the Homeshare Australia and New Zealand Alliance (HANZA) - the peak body for Homeshare and its providers in Australia and New Zealand - presents a structure and path to include Homeshare as a part of housing policy and programs in Victoria. HANZA brings experience and expertise from over 20-years' of implementing Homeshare programs in Australia.

The basis for the proposal is recommendations from the Parliament of Victoria Legislative Assembly Environment and Planning Committee Inquiry into the Supply of Homes in Regional Victoria for the formation of a statewide framework for Homeshare programs and investment in regional Homeshare programs.

The proposals outlined provide costings for the expansion of Homeshare in Victoria and establishing new Homeshare sites and establishing set of draft principles and system requirements to guide the development of a safe, scalable and sustainable Homeshare framework in Victoria. The core principles and requirements have been developed by HANZA, in consultation with key stakeholders and partners in the delivery of Homeshare.

Both these proposals would have benefits for regional and wider Victoria. Homeshare has the potential to contribute both to ageing in place outcomes and to improved housing affordability and utilisation of existing housing stock, particularly in regional communities.

Homeshare can support a diverse range of people experiencing housing stress — including older people, key workers and some people with disability — to access flexible, community-based living arrangements that strengthen social connection and community participation

ELECTION FUNDING PROPOSALS

Proposal	Investment
<i>A Framework for Expanding Homeshare Across Victoria: Principles, practice and standards for a safe, scalable statewide model</i> (the Framework) leverages the experience and expertise of HANZA from	HANZA have developed the underlying principles and system requirements to form the basis of a statewide framework for Victoria, in consultation with key

over 20-years' of implementing Homeshare programs in Australia. The Framework identifies the principles that are the pre-requisites that should be central to the development and implementation of a Homeshare framework for Victoria; and the requirements for implementation and expansion of Homeshare programs across Victoria to be successful. These principles and system requirements are intended to guide the development of a safe, scalable and sustainable statewide framework in Victoria.	stakeholders and partners in Homeshare delivery. HANZA would work with the Victoria Government to undertake a full consultation on a framework which could be accommodated within Victorian Government resources and priorities.
This funding proposal builds on the success of existing programs in Victoria, initially focusing on regional areas. The funding proposal presents an integrated expansion of Homeshare in Victoria comprising: 1. Victorian statewide coordination function based with HANZA 2. Three regional Homeshare delivery sites (including Mount Alexander expansion) 3. Independent evaluation Across three regional areas, the target for the programs would be to achieve between 70-100 Homeshare matches over 3 years. These matches would address the following areas: • housing opportunities for home seekers with housing insecurity • support for older people to remain living independently • strengthened community connections • pathways for homeseekers into affordable and secure accommodation	Funding of \$2,340,000 over three years for an integrated expansion and phased implementation of Homeshare in Victoria comprising: 1. Victorian statewide coordination function based with HANZA - \$210,000-\$230,000/year 2. Three regional Homeshare delivery sites - \$720,000-\$780,000/year 3. Independent evaluation - \$150,000