

## Media Release

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### Junction Australia urging South Australians to #votehome

**Junction Australia is urging all South Australians to #VoteHome in the federal election to send a clear message about housing affordability problems and the increasing gap between supply and demand.**

Vote Home is a federal election campaign developed by a national alliance of peak housing affordability and homelessness organisations to address homelessness and housing affordability in Australia.

As South Australia's trusted and leading independent provider of quality community support and housing services, Junction Australia has taken the pledge to Vote Home in a bid to end the housing crisis by 2025.

Junction Australia CEO, Graham Brown says that many South Australian families would be keen to secure their own home if they could rather than continuing to rent. Many older women who are escaping domestic violence see home ownership as a pathway to financial independence and personal safety.

"If we can increase the supply of affordable housing, more people will be able to move off public housing waiting lists and become the authors of their future, rather than the victims of their past".

A recent Home-ABILITY Survey conducted by Junction Australia in conjunction with a number of Disability Support Providers indicates that, with access to increased support via the NDIS, many people living with disabilities are also keen to move into home ownership.

"Unfortunately these increasing wait-lists exacerbate the issue and force more people into homelessness," Mr Brown said.

"Greater consideration needs to be given to the housing crisis and the need for more affordable housing options. It is time for us all to stand together to make a change so that all South Australians have an appropriate and affordable place to call home."

Junction Australia's new Manager for Housing & Community Development Wayne Gibbings said South Australia has a number of issues to address when it comes to housing affordability and homelessness.

"The gap between supply and demand continues to grow in South Australia with more people needing affordable housing options than what is presently available," Mr Gibbings said.

Wayne Gibbings recently joined Junction Australia and has significant experience in housing and urban development across the private and public sector.

“House prices and rents keep increasing faster than incomes to the point that it has now become so difficult for young people and low income families to get their foot in the door.”

According to Homelessness Australia (HA) there are over 200,000 Australians waiting for public and community housing. HA also estimates that there are almost 6,000 South Australians experiencing homelessness on any given night.

Junction Australia is strongly supporting the Vote Home campaign and urges all South Australians to do the same so these issues can become a top tier election discussion.

A Vote Home is a vote for a national strategy to address housing affordability and a vote for all political parties to commit and end the housing affordability crisis by 2025.

To find out more go to: [https://www.change.org/m/vote-home-let-s-end-the-housing-crisis-by-2025-2b749c36-ff87-4f0c-bc58-54c500f85f2f?mc\\_cid=7c8c11b464&mc\\_eid=2c66a636ef](https://www.change.org/m/vote-home-let-s-end-the-housing-crisis-by-2025-2b749c36-ff87-4f0c-bc58-54c500f85f2f?mc_cid=7c8c11b464&mc_eid=2c66a636ef)

*Junction Australia is a trusted provider of quality, affordable housing and integrated community services that currently manages 1,700 properties across South Australia and also provides support to hundreds of people who are homelessness or at risk of homelessness or who have experienced domestic violence every year. We firmly believe that by working together we can take steps that enable people to navigate their way from ‘Crisis to Connectedness’. Our clients are supported to overcome barriers, access opportunities and pursue their hopes and dreams.*

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