# A Home to Build From: Victorian Election Campaign 2026

# Template Email for Local MPs

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**Re: Prioritise a home to build from for Victorian women and families**

Dear [Mr./Ms./Minister/The Hon.] [Surname],

I am writing to you today as a constituent of [Electorate Name] to express my support for YWCA Australia's three investment asks from Victorian parties.

Victoria needs to keep building its housing agenda to make sure that every woman and child has a safe home to build their lives from.

A safe home is the pathway to equal futures.

YWCA Australia calls upon every political party and representative to be committed to this mission for homes to build from for Victorian women.

I support YWCA Australia's three investment asks from Victorian parties to:

1. *Improve current* housing for women,
2. *Support women* in their housing journey, and
3. *Build new* homes for women.

**Commitment 1: Rooming House Renewal Fund**

***Improving current housing for women***

There is an opportunity to invest in improving current social and affordable housing to make real homes for Victorians.

We need all political parties to be committed to transforming current social and affordable housing into long-term homes for women and children in Victoria.

We call for a Social Housing Renewal Fund with an initial investment of $100 million over four years. This will fund registered community housing to upgrade rooming houses across Victoria into self-contained homes for women, giving women leaving violence a home of their own.

**Commitment 2: Women's Housing Support Program**

***Supporting women in their housing journey***

Women facing homelessness should have support to reach their goal of long-term housing. This includes support to navigate the public housing system and to receive tailored support, such as emotional support and addressing health needs.

YWCA Australia's Women's Housing Support Program has run in Victoria, successfully supporting 95% of participants to move from accommodation to long-term housing. This model of support works.

We call for a $3 million investment to continue and expand the Women's Housing Support Program for four years, giving women the supports they need to stay housed.

**Commitment 3: A Pipeline of Homes for Women**

***Building new homes for women***

More than 13,000 people access specialist homelessness services because of domestic, family and sexual violence every month in Victoria. Every month, women in Victoria are facing the 'choice' between violence and homelessness for themselves and their children.

We need all political parties to commit to supporting community housing providers to build housing in Victoria and to keep women and children front and center.

We call for a $6.2 billion over 10-years for community housing providers to build social and affordable housing in Victoria, starting with $2.48 billion over the first four years. At least 50% of those funds should be dedicated to building housing for women and their families.

YWCA Australia's *Housing that Pays Back r*esearch with Per Capita Centre for Equitable Housing shows that for every dollar invested in housing women and their families, *double* is returned in measurable public benefit.

This analysis is based on a cost-benefit methodology applied to YWCA Australia's own national social and affordable housing portfolio specifically for women and families. Across 528 tenancies supporting 731 residents, YWCA's housing portfolio returns an average of $2.02 in measurable fiscal benefit for every $1 invested.

***Close the Gap***

First Nations women and children experience disproportionately higher rates of homelessness, housing insecurity and domestic, family and sexual violence in Victoria.

Across all three areas, there must be a commitment to closing the gap in housing and safety outcomes.

Self-determination is essential. Aboriginal Community Housing Providers and Organisations in Victoria must lead way in closing the gap in outcomes.

***YWCA Australia's Victorian Election Platform: A Home to Build From***

YWCA Australia's full Victorian Election Platform for 2026, is available at: https://www.ywca.org.au/home-to-build-from/ or by contacting advocacy@ywca.org.au

Kind regards,

[Name

Postcode, VIC]