Petition Calling for Increased Mental Health Support for Social Housing Tenants

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, this Petition of the people of New South Wales brings to the attention of the House:

Social housing providers provide accommodation for many people with a mental illness, however there are few community support services and programs to care for these people, identify problems before their health deteriorates, and get help to prevent crises.

Inner city crisis services have been upgraded in the new Caritas facility, however people with psychiatric disabilities or mental illness struggle to get community support services and have poor follow up because services and crisis response teams are overloaded.

People who are ill need treatment and support, particularly outreach programs to help them at home so they can maintain their accommodation and be included in the community.

The undersigned petitioners therefore ask the Legislative Assembly to provide community outreach and support programs directed to people with a mental illness who are tenants of Housing NSW and Community Housing.

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