

**DRAFT**  
**Housing with Dignity Reference Group**  
**Terms of Reference**  
**2019**

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the reference group is to offer an opportunity to people with a lived experience of homelessness to have a voice, and a place to be heard.

The group will:

- Support the Council in the review of the Housing and Homelessness Strategy.
- Be a crucial reference point, and place for consultation for decisions made by Council about homelessness.
- Identify priorities for homeless people to advocate and lobby the State and Federal Governments.
- Have the scope to invite experts and develop working groups in areas of interest for sharing relevant information for the policy direction.
- Meet bi-monthly.
- Select a Chair at the first meeting.

**Membership:**

The reference group will comprise representatives and community members and support people where appropriate, from the following groups who have an interest in homelessness issues in the City:

- Primary homelessness - where a person has an improvised dwelling, tent or no accommodation at all; also known as rough sleeping.
- Secondary homelessness - where a person is accommodated in a hostel, shelter, refuge or another person's home on a temporary basis.
- Tertiary homelessness - where a person is accommodated in a boarding house, shelter or hotel on a medium basis.
- People who are housed, but have experienced homelessness or severe housing stress.

An Elected Member (and Proxy) nominated by the Council will participate on this reference group.

The group (maximum 16 people) will be established through self-selection, and then targeted invitation to ensure a diverse range of voices are being heard.

**Administration:**

- Administrative support will be provided by the City of Hobart.
- The reference group will be reviewed after 12 months.