



## **INFORMATION FOR SAAP SERVICE PROVIDERS: DoCS Performance Monitoring Framework (PMF) for Funded Services (Special Communiqué): June 2008**

This Communiqué provides information on the Commonwealth Government's Green Paper on Homelessness, '*Which Way Home?*' which was launched by the Prime Minister at the National Homelessness Conference in Adelaide on 22 May 2008.

The Green Paper will be followed by a White Paper in September 2008 with a comprehensive, national action plan in August/September 2008 to reduce homelessness over the next decade.

The Green Paper proposes 10 principles to guide the development of a new approach:

1. A national commitment and strong leadership from all levels of government and from the not-for-profit and business sectors.
2. Preventing the causes of homelessness is a main focus.
3. Social inclusion drives our efforts.
4. Everyone is treated with dignity and respect.
5. Safety and wellbeing are a prime concern for all clients.
6. Rights and responsibilities of individuals and families are paramount.
7. Joined-up service delivery needs joined-up policy.
8. Transition points are a priority.
9. Evidence-based policy helps to shape our priorities for action.
10. Targets are set to reduce homelessness and hold ourselves accountable.

The Green Paper proposes three reform options:

- Transforming SAAP to build a national homelessness response focused on distinct streams.
- Improving the current SAAP response
- Improving the mainstream service response to homelessness and restricting SAAP to responding to crisis interventions.

The Green Paper recognises that homelessness is the result of other factors, especially poverty, family breakdown and violence, inadequate mental health services.

DoCS response to the Green Paper was to propose a homelessness reform option which focuses on progressing SAAP V reforms, and mainstream human services agencies assuming more responsibility for homelessness, especially prevention/early intervention and post-crisis transition. DoCS' position was further developed after consultation with the NSW Homelessness Peaks.

The NSW Homelessness Strategic Framework Working Group, a NSW Government inter-departmental working group, was responsible for formulating the NSW Government response to the Green Paper. DoCS is a member of this working group and contributed through this process to the NSW Government's submission to the Green Paper.

The Australian Government White Paper on Homelessness, due September 2008, will provide national homelessness policy direction under the new National Affordable Housing Agreement.

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