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Department of Social Services.
Developing the National Housing and Homelessness Plan
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**Submission : Public Housing Interstate Transfers for Tenants with Disability
who seek Specialised Healthcare and or Support Services in another State.**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to bring to your attention an important matter regarding public / community housing interstate transfers. I believe that applications to transfer interstate from tenants with valid medical reasons should be accepted and processed with utmost consideration.

It is well-known that public housing plays a vital role in providing safe and affordable housing for individuals and families in need. However, there are instances where tenants face medical circumstances that require specialised healthcare or support services that may not be readily available in their current location. In such cases, a transfer to another state with better access to healthcare facilities and services could greatly improve their quality of life and overall well-being.

By accepting and accommodating public housing interstate transfers for tenants with medical reasons, would be effectively addressing a crucial aspect of their healthcare needs. For instance, individuals suffering from chronic illnesses or disabilities may require specialised medical treatments, closer proximity to healthcare professionals, or accessibility to vital support and services. Allowing these tenants to relocate to areas where these resources are more readily available can significantly enhance their chances of leading healthy and fulfilling lives.

Furthermore, granting interstate transfers for tenants with valid medical reasons aligns with the principle of compassionate care and support. Respecting a person's right to receive appropriate medical attention and support is not only a matter of human rights, but is also a reflection of your commitment to the well-being of all community members. By recognising the unique circumstances of tenants with medical requirements, we can better provide them with the assistance they need to thrive.

The implementation of a transparent and efficient process for reviewing and approving interstate transfer applications based on medical grounds would be necessary. This process should involve thorough assessment, verification and collaboration with relevant healthcare professionals to ensure the legitimacy and necessity of such transfers. Additionally, regular feedback and communication with the tenants during the process will be crucial for maintaining trust and transparency.

In conclusion, the acceptance of public housing interstate transfers for tenants with valid medical reasons is a compassionate and considerate approach to addressing their specific healthcare needs. By prioritising their well-being and creating a clear framework for applications and reviews, we can enhance the overall effectiveness and inclusivity of the public housing system.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,

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