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I am writing to add my support for the inquiry into housing and rental affordability in Canberra.

Anecdotally I know of several empty apartments and houses in my area (Lyneham). I am not sure why they are empty but suspect they are being 'land-banked' by investors only interested in equity gains and not in rents.

I am increasingly furious over the state of housing in Canberra and the rest of the country. It is causing harm to members of our community that will last generations and cost us in lost productivity.

I have witnessed a marked increase in homelessness in Canberra. I have heard countless stories of individuals and families unable to find affordable homes or even unaffordable homes to rent. I am lucky to own an apartment but have rented properties for long enough to understand how destabilising it is to other aspects of life, namely employment, relationships, and children.

A society can not function without secure housing for everyone.

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