Ending street homelessness in the inner city

Adelaide Zero Project
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The goal of the Adelaide Zero Project is to end street homelessness in the inner city and ultimately end homelessness in South Australia.

This project will engage with all people sleeping on the streets of the Adelaide inner city area. A person is recognised as a rough sleeper if they are living in a:

- Street/park/out in the open
- Tent
- Boat
- Motor vehicle
- Cabin

Source: SA Housing Authority

Functional Zero
Functional Zero is reached when the number of people who are homeless in a city at any point in time is no greater than the average monthly housing placement rate.

Housing First
Housing First is a key principle of Adelaide Zero Project.

Homelessness Funding in SA
$67 Mil in funding provided from various sources in 2018/19.

This funded...
37 government and non-government organisations
79 programs over 97 service outlets across the state
17 key government & non-government Specialist Homelessness Services in the inner city

Phases of the Adelaide Zero Project

Phase 1
ESTABLISH
2017—2018

Undertake research and determine goals, structures and timelines

Phase 2
IMPLEMENT
2018—2020

Implement Adelaide Zero Project to achieve Functional Zero street homelessness in Adelaide’s inner city

Phase 3
SUSTAIN
2020 onwards

Sustain Functional Zero and work towards absolute zero street homelessness in Adelaide’s inner city

Phase 4
EXPAND
TBC

Apply the Functional Zero approach to other forms and regions of homelessness in Adelaide and South Australia
Rough sleeping in Adelaide’s inner city

2019 Connections Week data
Information collected in Connections Week helps services to improve a real-time By-Name List used to coordinate housing and support for people sleeping rough in the city. In May 2018, volunteers engaged with 143 people sleeping rough during Connections Week.

227 people were known to be sleeping rough in Adelaide’s inner city during Connections Week in May 2019.

161 housing placements have been offered to people on the By-Name List since May 2018.

Demographics and Impacts on Homelessness*

32% of rough sleepers were Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander despite being only 2% of the South Australian population.

- 6% Rough sleepers
  - Male
  - Female
  - Not stated

72% Physical health issues
72% Mental health issues
73% Substance abuse
44% Relationship breakdown

47% have a combination of physical, mental and substance abuse issues

Length of time sleeping rough*

58% had been sleeping rough for more than 2 years
40% were homeless 3 or more times in the past year
26% has been sleeping rough for less than 1 year

*Based on 119 people surveyed during Connections Week in May 2019
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