

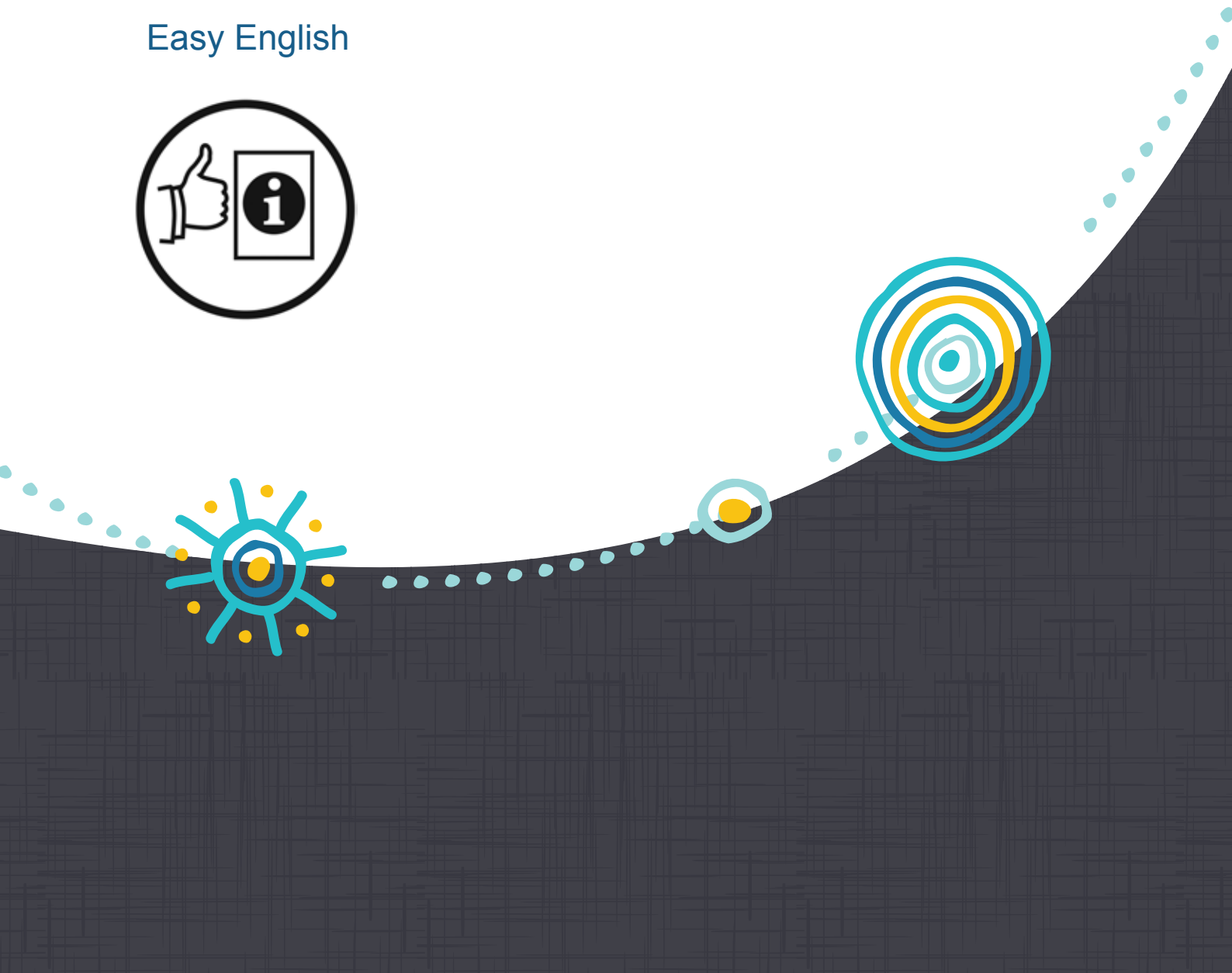


Government of **Western Australia**  
Department of **Communities**

# Affordable Housing Action Plan

## July 2018 to June 2020

Easy English





## Hard words

This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- it is in **blue**
- we write what the hard word means.

## You can get help with this book



You can get someone you trust to help you

- read this book
- understand this book



- find more information.

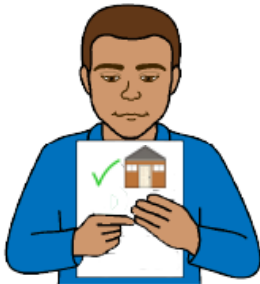


## About this book



Government of Western Australia  
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This book was written by the Government of Western Australia Department of Communities.



This is about the Affordable Housing Action Plan.

We will call it the plan.

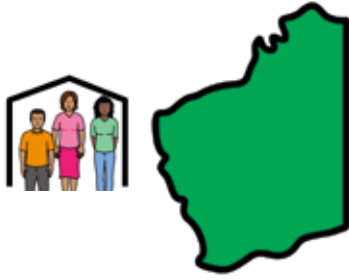


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The plan goes from July 2018 to June 2020.





This plan is about how we will make it easier for people in Western Australia to get a place to live.



We will find out about

- where people live

- how people live



- what sort of places people live in.



## About affordable housing



**Affordable housing** means people have a place to live

- that meets their needs
- that they get enough money to pay for.



A place to live can mean

- own a home
- rent a home



- **social housing**.

Social housing means a home that is owned by the government or a charity.



We know that it is hard for a lot of people in Western Australia to **afford** a place to live.

Afford means have enough money to pay for what you need.



We also know that affordable housing helps make an **inclusive** and happy community.



Inclusive means to feel that you belong and are important.



People who we might help to find affordable housing could be

- young people who want to move out of their family home



- people who want to live close to where they work



- older people

- people with disability who want to live by themselves



- Aboriginal people who want to stay connected to land and community

- families who do **not** earn enough money.



## About the plan

The plan is made for



- **People**

So everyone has a home to

- live a good life
- connect with their community.

- **Place**

So everyone has a good place to



- live
- work
- play.



- **Home**

So everyone has a place where they

- feel safe
- can afford to live
- have needs met.



The plan has 3 goals.

### Goal 1

**We want people to have a place to live that helps them have a better life.**



People who have affordable housing might have more opportunities to live a good life.



A home should be

- safe
- close to
  - school
  - work
  - friends.



A home can help you be part of a community.



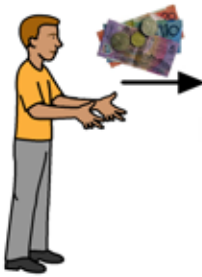


We know that different people might need different types of support to get a home.



The plan will

- help families who do **not** have enough money get a home loan



- try to make it easier for people to rent a home they can afford



- make sure social housing is good for the people who need it.



## Goal 2

**We want people in the community to be connected and included.**



The number of people who live in our state will grow a lot in the next 30 years.



We will need more homes for more people.



We want to make sure homes are built to support different people in different places.



New homes must be close to

- bus stops and train stations



- community centres

- services

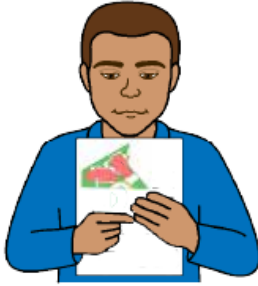


- family and friends.



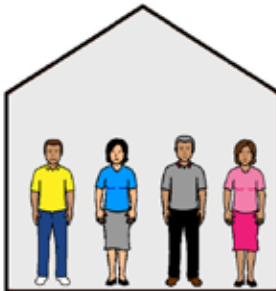
### Goal 3

**We want affordable housing that meets the needs of people in the community.**



We will work with different groups in the community to make plans for new homes.

We will make sure the right homes are built in the right places.



We will think about

- how many people live in homes

- how big homes are



- how homes will link people to their community.



## How we will make the plan happen



We want to

- help people with complex needs have a home close to services that they need
- help people have a better life with access to an affordable home



- make new communities that are
  - inclusive



- **diverse.**

Diverse means different. For example

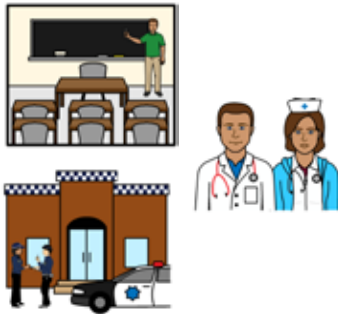
- culture
- religion.



- get help from private businesses with
  - skills
  - money.



The plan has things for us to work on.

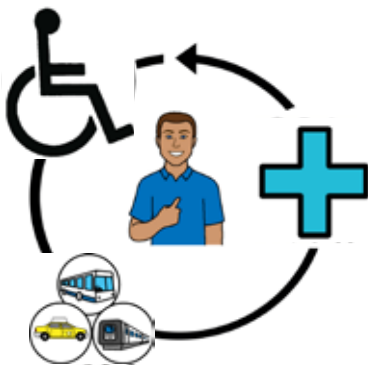


We will make services

- closer to the people who need them

and

- work better for people who use them.



For example

- services will be put together to make them easy for people to access
- social housing will be given to people who need it most



- homes will be used to help people
  - go to school
  - get a job.



- we will work with Aboriginal people in rural and remote areas to help them find a home.



We will give better support to the people who need it most.

For example

- give more money for **crisis accommodation.**



Crisis accommodation is a place to live to take someone away from danger.



- build more social housing.



- give more information and support to help people keep their homes.

We will help more people reach their housing goals.

For example

- help people with rent for their homes
- make new ways to help people own a home.



We will find new ways to pay for more homes for people who need them.

For example



- work with other levels of government to help pay for more homes for people who need them



- find ways to use our money that are
  - new
  - better.



- work with private businesses to develop good homes.



We will make a better way for people to get plans approved to build new homes.



For example

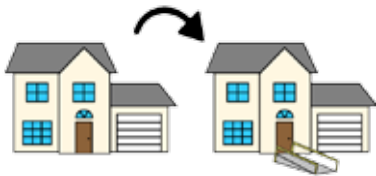
- make better rules to get building plans
- help local government to make affordable housing in their areas.



We will make sure the choice of housing is diverse to meet the needs of different people.

For example

- change homes that are no longer useful



- make new homes with a better design



- make different types of homes like
  - shared accommodation
  - garage apartments.







We will make affordable housing part of government plans.

For example

- use plans to make more opportunities for affordable housing



- have information online about affordable housing in different areas of the state

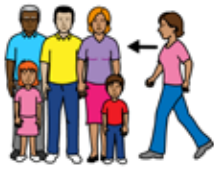


- use government owned land for new homes.



We will make sure communities

- are affordable



- are inclusive

- can change when they need to.



For example

- make homes near outdoor spaces that are better for everyone



- make new communities with new groups of homes



- make new homes in regional and rural areas

- find new ways to give people affordable housing.





## More information

For more information contact the Department of Communities.



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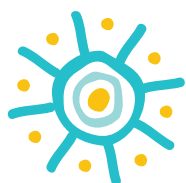
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