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**National Youth Commission
an Independent Community Inquiry into
Youth Homelessness 2007**

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If you are a young homeless person, or have experienced homelessness, we are asking you to share your experiences with us.

Your information will be used by the **National Youth Commission** in writing a report on youth homelessness. This report will be submitted to all Australian governments and the broader Australian community in April 2008. This is an opportunity for you to have your say, put forward your ideas and make a difference for other young people.

Your experience and **your recommendations** are important. Only with your help can we gather information on the changes that need to be made to **prevent youth homelessness** in the future.

You can contribute to this inquiry in a number of ways:

- **filling out the attached survey;**
- **sending a written submission;**
- **making an online submission (www.nyc.net.au).**

You can also participate in the discussions we are hosting on our website about youth homelessness.

Your contribution is voluntary and the information you provide will be treated with respect. We need your name and contact details, but your submission will only be used by the NYC in a way that **does not identify you**. It is important that you sign the consent form otherwise the NYC won't be able to use your feedback as evidence when writing up the final report.

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The NYC is guided by these TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1. To document the history of policy, programs and initiatives by Federal, State and Territory governments to assist homeless youth;
2. To identify the issues that prevent homeless young people from connecting with their local community and participating in the broader society as active citizens;
3. To draw attention to positive and negative changes affecting homeless young people since the last national independent inquiry on youth homelessness by HREOC in 1989;
4. To report on the adequacy of existing services and programs, as well as identify innovative initiatives for responding to the needs of homeless young people;
5. To recommend actions that should be taken by various stakeholders and government authorities to resolve and ameliorate the problem of youth homelessness within a broad policy framework from prevention to post-supported accommodation;
6. To explore the basis for a renewed national accord between the Commonwealth and the states and territories and between government and the community on the issue of youth homelessness.

In order to contribute to the NYC inquiry, please visit our website (www.nyc.net.au) or fill out the attached form and post it to PO Box 257, Brunswick, Victoria, Australia 3056.

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