

I agree with Mrs cope in that meeting of the 2nd of May who talked about the size of the rooms but obviously governments skimps on building materials to make everything as small as possible very low ceilings and no built-ins to save money this creates stress on a large family in a small dwelling saying it is 4 bedroom or 3 bedroom sound like it big but the small bedrooms are so pokey if you put a wardrobe in there for your kid it's hardly any room for him to move just the stress in a small space for those kind of family if they have low threshold for frustration anyway is not helpful in the long term for the family to live and get on with life rooms need to be bigger and roomier. they become very cluttered and look untidy because the possessions don't fit in the space easily unless you have boxes on top of wardrobes. untidiness leads to depression. Feeling ashamed. Smothered by stuff. You may say get rid of it but this is just the basic stuff I'm talking about just the basics of daily life like for you personally in your home you would never have the problem of where to store Christmas decorations like people in housing

I pay 30% of my income in rent which is not fair just because the other person in my house has an income and that puts his rent up into the 30% level because I am told that the whole total collective income of the house puts us all up into the 30% level but I am still on my old age pension so why should I pay 30% of my income pension in rent when I was only paying before 25% before. I don't think that's fair why should I have to if he was a total stranger or my son it doesn't make any difference it is called the collected income of the whole house

And it's not fair to call the total gross weekly income before tax and super not that I have tax and super but I'm thinking of other people who are struggling they get a job and then it's called the total income gross before tax and super and their rent is calculated on ...that's not fair it should be after tax and super

Also I read something in the report talking about investments I don't know why they talk about investments none of these poverty people have any shares they just have enough to eat to put food on the table because everything else goes up but our pensions don't go up

I have a suggestion that people who damage houses should have amount deducted from their rent to cover repairs otherwise they go around damaging houses and not respecting the opportunity they have to have a roof over their heads maybe they can't afford to actually have the whole amount to cover the repairs taken out but just to show some teaching of responsibility and accountability to take care of the house take out some money at least a little bit every week

In the private sector you would be evicted and lose your good name to get future housing

I have an idea that for the really damaged mental and drugs people they should not have housing they do not know how to look after it they got no intention of getting a job I believe the government should set up institutions like the old mental hospitals where they are managed because half of the housing is full of people with no one to monitor them with their taking of medication and buying of healthy food managing their lifestyle they are all these young males with healthy bodies who could be working and they are rotting in social housing they are because they are on antidepressants they sleep all day they're awake all night they gain weight without exercise the government pays for the lawns to be mowed why can't these young men get out and mow the lawns it's all OHS FEARS of suing

We can't even change a lightbulb when we climb up on a chair we fall and hurt ourselves a government gets into trouble we have to stop all this regulation we should be allowed to

climb up on a chair and change a lightbulb without calling out a person have to drive 3 hours from Coffs Harbour to change a lightbulb

In 1992 the government threw out all the patients in the mental ward in the hospitals they could have been put into halfway houses where a health worker monitor them who can monitor their medication being taken because half the problems that happened in social housing blocks of Flats the little old lady they bailed up in the stairwell by someone having an episode was punching a their fists and threatening to punch them in the face these people should be in a halfway house not in social housing mixed in with old seniors...its insane....where health workers monitor their lifestyle go shopping with them and buy healthy food and cooking ...better than living on Milo and watching TV all night and sleeping all day how are they ever going to be rehabilitated and enter Society which is not impossible people give up on them.

in 1992 they were throwing out into the street police was shooting them in Manly and arresting them in Lismore because the police we're not trained in how to handle mental health episodes when people with fail to take their medications so I think social housing should empty out all those people who at the moment are unemployable and a waste of space until they get rehabilitated

They can't get on top of everything in their life without being monitored by a health worker ...these are not very common... some do come in and visit someone once a week but that's not enough

Halfway houses could have a garden with a shed and grow their own food and be encouraged by the health worker to do things.

Tgey cant to do apprenticeships at this stage but they could do sheltered workshops activities where they are doing something for the greater good in the community to get some self respect and self esteem at the moment social housing is responsible for letting them to rot and wasting space where single parents with children who have had serious survival issues need a roof over their head more than these males aged about 35 who could be actively engaged in activities that would be better for them and everybody else instead they are left to watch TV all night burning electricity running lots of water because every flat in the whole block pay the same amount so there's no incentive to save water... and developing health issues which will use up taxpayer money for the rest of their life due to inactivity depression just totally unhealthy

Also when someone is totally unsocialised and causes havoc for the whole block of the tenants it takes years to get them out the government says it's not our problem ring the police when we were given the Good Neighbour policy but it doesn't work because we are told ring the police make reports and when you have enough episode numbers then we can act and then all they do is move him out of flat into a 3 bedroom house because they had nowhere else to put him and he is in a 3 bedroom house that could be used by a family he should be chucked out in the street but I know the government's not allowed to do that they can't be seen to throw people in the street but he could be referred to a halfway house please set up halfway houses where people are monitored for their own good their own safety and that their own development for the future

At the moment drugs like Ice is in all the housing and yet we are told they should not have it by the government but there's no monitoring going on how are they going to get a life if they are using the pension money to be able to buy alcohol and drugs and make life hell for all the other people in the blocks of Flats why should they be allowed to live like this with social

security money just wasting and the houses and the flats could be used by people who really need them

Also in your report you talk about encouraging people into training and getting jobs so my point still is a lot of these people are incapable of going to training and being compliant if they are drinking and taking drugs and you can't talk about employment if there aren't the jobs out there because the government is not creating jobs they are laying off thousands of workers everyday closing down factories so you can't talk about employment it isn't there but I know the notion is good of course it is to say that encourage people to get employment but you need to talk about creating new culture of entrepreneurial incentive to run their own businesses like joining mlm which is the business of the future it the most egalitarian form of business like Avon and Amway and Nutrimetics and Usana and isogenix these are quite possible with people can make a bit of extra money running their own business and when they are kept off drugs and alcohol they can gain self-esteem and earn money the business of the future according to Warren Buffett Trump Richard Branson because in the marketplace there is no job security

if you take people out of Housing because they now have a job and then they lose their job back in the queue the whole goal of Housing is for social stability moving people in and out of houses cost the government a Fortune and creates instability and insecurity as soon as someone feels insecure they going to turn to drugs and alcohol and give up

People at Soup kitchen people take them for granted but the ones that include the people in helping wash up sweep the floor pack up the boxes put things in the bins the ones that teach them Silver Service put a bow tie on them and ask them to wait on tables for a Christmas dinner for all the shopkeepers who donated food

You can't just give people something for nothing and you can't force them to work if they're on drugs and alcohol maybe you should have drug testing in housing I suppose that wouldn't go down very well with the bleeding hearts.

It could be an incentive to keep their roof over their head if they were drug tested but I guess that would cost the government a heap of money going in and testing them every week and then it would just be like people on parole they clean up the day before and then the rest of the week they binge

Yes you're right people need incentive to get a job and training but you have to put them in halfway houses first or have a health worker who monitors a whole block of flats like at Mascot monitor them all

Make people accountable for their behaviour a lot of them didn't have any parenting only grown up with a lot of violence in homes and felt like they were unloved and a nuisance and never good at anything because the angry man takes it out on the children and calls them useless

See it and heard it with my own eyes and I've seen the children grow up and end up in jail cause I never feel any good about themselves

Overall its a Nanny state.

But you can't say put them into housing when they smash it up shoot each other throw them out you've got to have other departments involved monitoring them giving support networks and then people can thrive when they make contribution to the greater good

The best workers for DOCs would be these people train them all up as social welfare people because they understand what it's all about that would help because we are short of social welfare workers..

I'm not joking a lot of these people have a great potential and I really intelligent but that just been ground into the dirt by their background and some of them we'll never be any good if he just left to rot in housing

Get Social Security involved they shouldn't just keep giving people the pension and the dole if he is going to go out and drink it and take drugs they got to be monitored

Actually could train them up to be the monitors they would be good at it because they know all the tricks about how to hide it and cover up if you've got anything in your system

They know how to read between the lines just like they have undercover cops they used to be drug dealers and Streetwise

With lots of jobs that we need in the community that these people could fulfill with their background streetwise