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Submission: Why are AHO tenants not given opportunities to purchase our homes at an affordable amount? For those who are in a position to do so? We are sold our properties at the "Market value" which is the same as mainstream housing. Or a rent to buy scheme for approved applicants. We used to be able to access these benefits, and purchase at the value of generals price, not market value. There is absolutely no incentive to get ahead and "CLOSE THE GAP" for our people or our kids to give them a chance in today's market. I work full time and pay $600 per week rent. Why is there no lathing available to me and many others in the same position. Give us a chance, we own this land but are treated the same as mainstream tenants wanting to purchase, no discounts or incentives are available. This needs to change to establish future homeownership for our people & communities. And the only information on the AHO website leads you directly to IBA Website. Which is in regards to the loan , not information pertaining to ownership or incentive schemes etc. how are we supposed to "Close the gap" when we are battling from the get go the system needs to be fair and equitable to suit the needs of our people. We are charged land tax on our own land ??? And FACS housing determines the market value. Instead of being Governed by FACS. Why are we not independent, to achieve effective and efficient outcomes for us all? The Government are selling off Housing properties, why not give us all a chance to build a better future for us and our next generations to come. I strongly believe this needs to be reviewed and processes put in place to help us build and sustain a stronger future for us all. Haven't they controlled the way we live for long enough. Let's make a stand together