

Local Government and Housing in Australia



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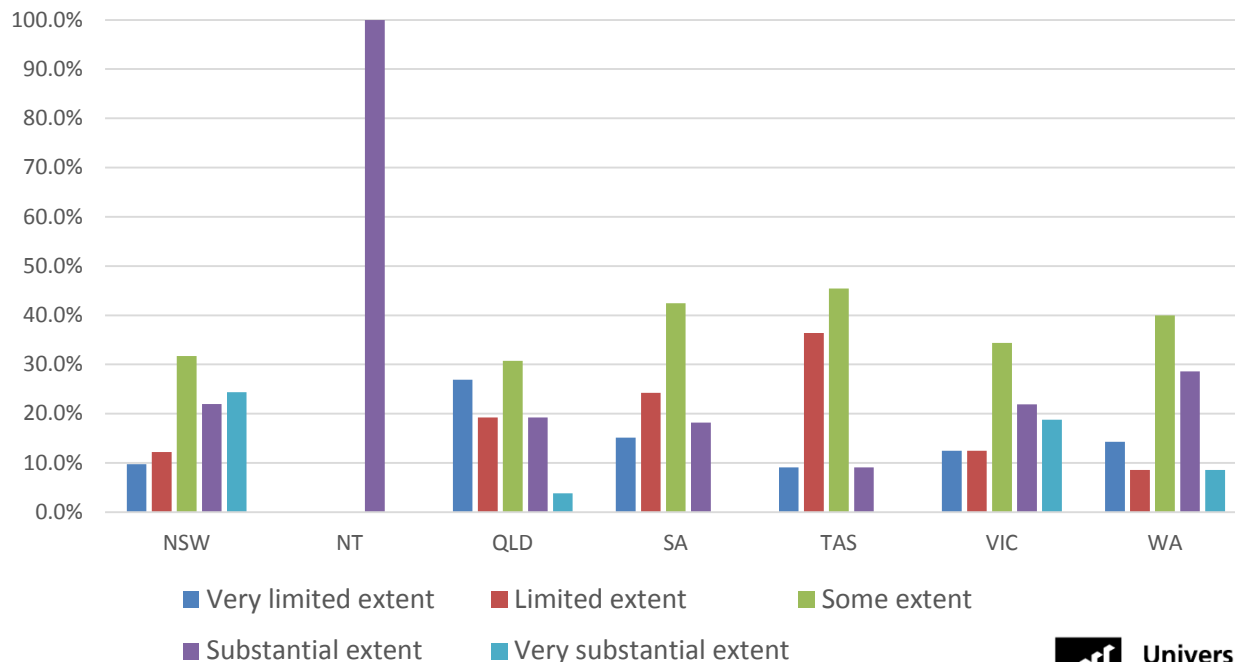
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Local governments do more in housing than they are given credit for –

Many local governments hear the message that housing affordability problems are hurting their communities

Survey Q 16: In the view of the Council, to what extent is there a housing affordability problem in the area?

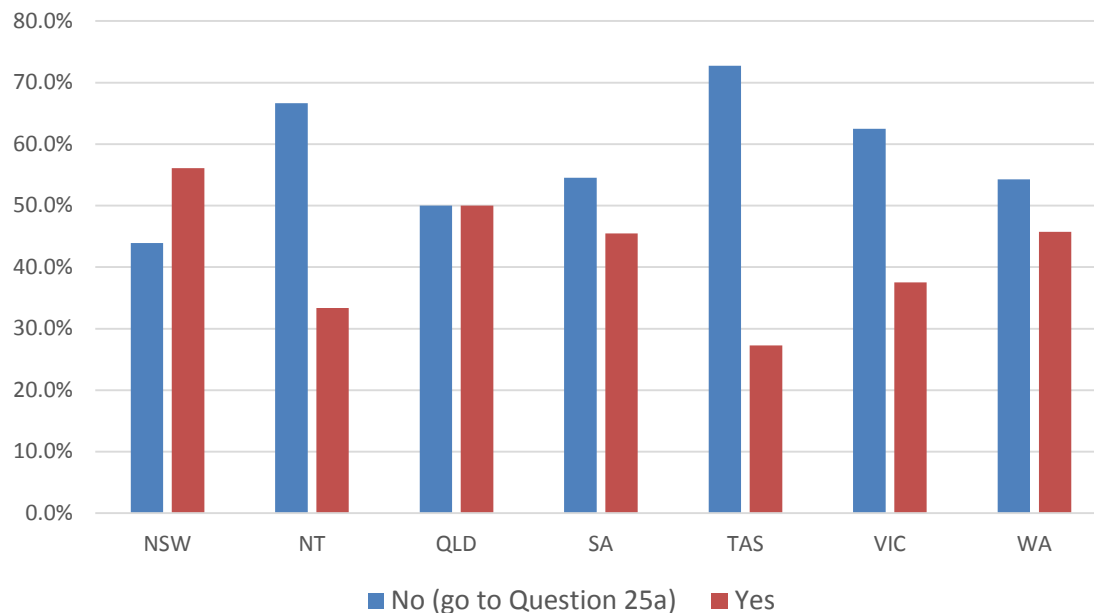


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Many are involved in affordable housing provision

Survey Q 24a: Does your local government support affordable housing providers – eg housing associations or homelessness services?

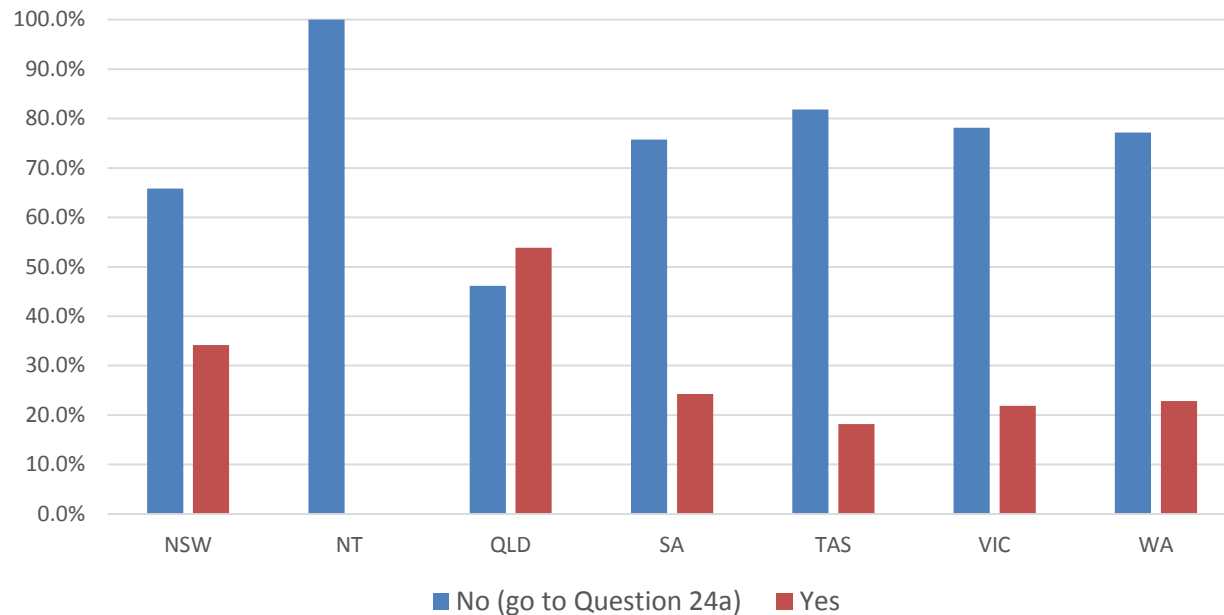


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Many are involved in direct provision of housing

Survey Q 23a: Does your Council own housing that it makes available to people based on need/income?

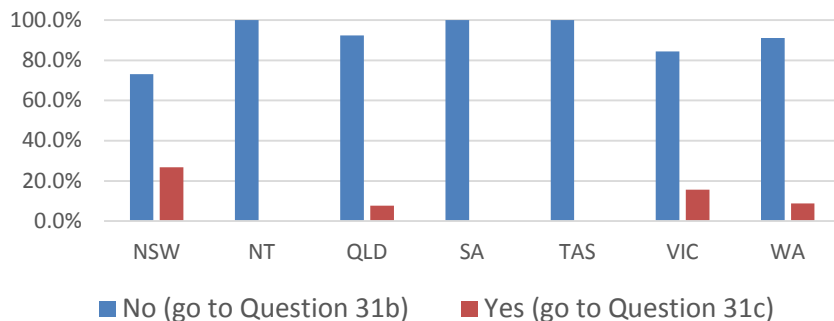


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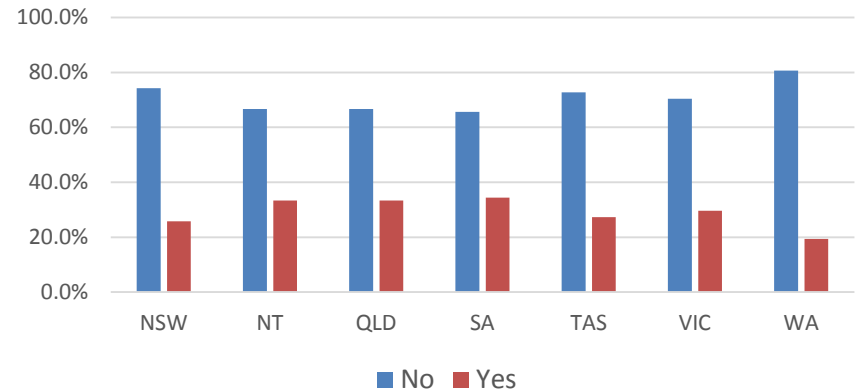
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Many support community groups and take other actions to help the homeless

Survey Q 31a: Does your Council have a formal homelessness policy or set of strategies?



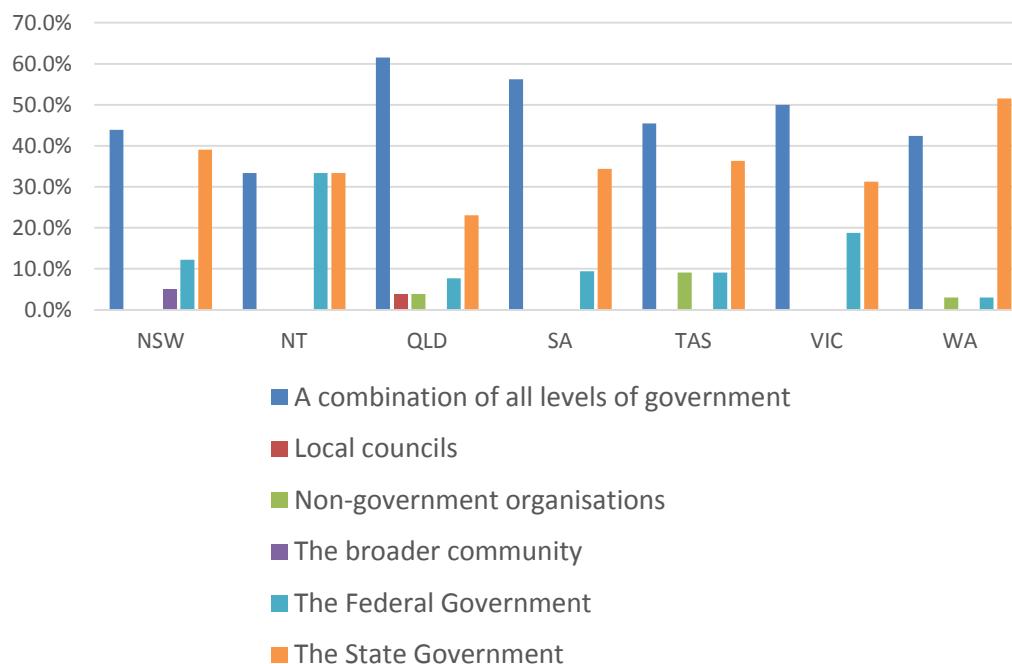
Survey Q 31b: If no, does your Council have an informal policy or practices to support homeless people?



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Local governments are excellent partners working on the ground to help other tiers of government achieve their goals

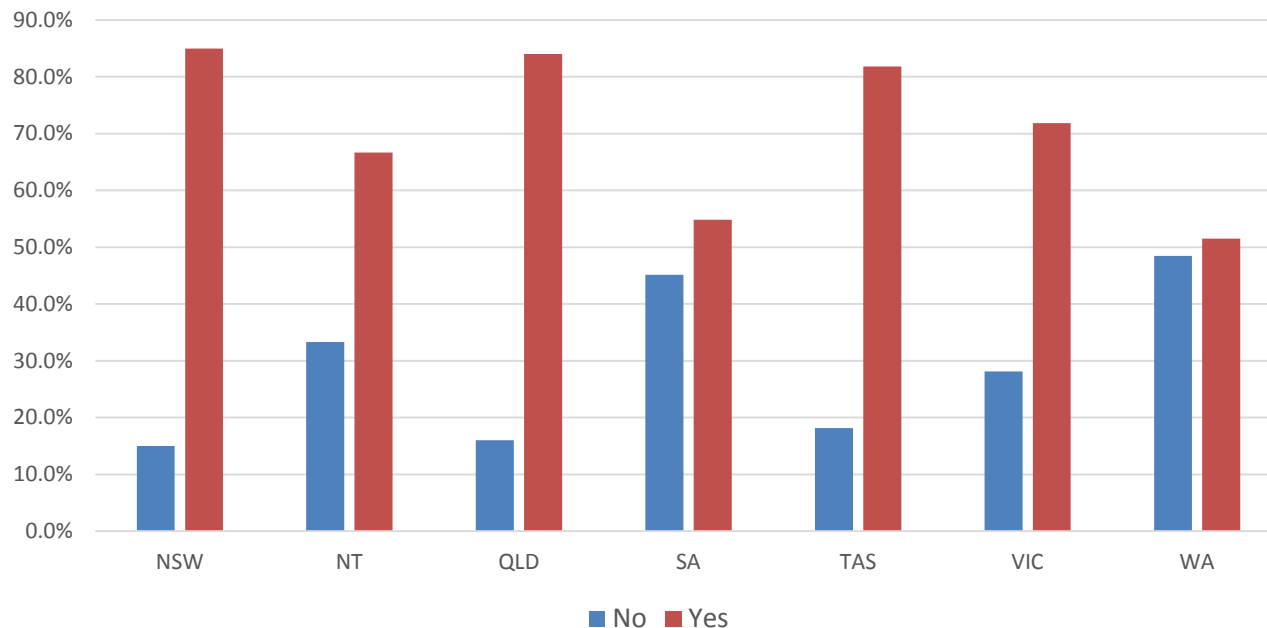
Survey Q 50: Who would your Council say is primarily responsible for addressing the problems associated with housing in Australia?



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**Other tiers of government can be hard to engage with,
and there is often a lack of leadership from central governments**

**Survey Q 55: Do you feel local governments are often unfairly blamed by
other tiers of government for housing affordability problems?**



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Conclusion ...

Local governments are doing a lot already to make housing more affordable

- They don't need to take on additional responsibilities or be asked to do more
- Australia's housing market is made up of thousands of housing markets, so local governments face complex and highly differentiated challenges in housing
- But they take those responsibilities seriously and are delivering to the best of their abilities



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