

# PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST: A Housing Strategy for PEI

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## PEI is in a housing crisis

This crisis is impacting every part of the housing continuum, from emergency shelters to affordable housing to market rentals.

### THE HOUSING CONTINUUM



Source: CMHC

## What are the impacts?

**0.3%**  
vacancy  
rate  
across  
province

**38.5%**  
house  
price  
increase  
in 3 years

**1013+**  
on waiting  
list for  
housing

**1 in 50**  
private  
homes  
are on  
AirBnb  
in Charlottetown

## Winter is coming.

Islanders deserve  
to live in dignity -  
not tents.



## We Need Immediate Action



### Legislation & Regulations

- Regulate Short Term Rentals
- Register Web-Based Platforms
- Update Rental of Residential Property Act
- Enforce Inclusionary Zoning



### Build and Invest

- Fund homeless and emergency shelters across the province
- Fund feasibility studies and planning for new development on public land
- Provide seed funding for affordable housing developments

Provide renovation incentives to maintain existing long term rental properties



### Support and Services

- Establish a Rental Registry
- Establish independent Landlord and Tenant Associations
- Grow and support the labourforce
- Enhance the Housing Hub with delegated authority and responsibility

The Official Opposition caucus is committed to a bold twelve-month action plan to increase housing capacity and options, reduce the social need and stabilize the housing market.

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