

**Got Spare Bedrooms?
We Want You!**



Help Keep People Housed!

Do homeowners have a responsibility to rent spare bedrooms in a housing crisis?

Short answer: Yes!

Spare bedrooms can be handy. In an ideal world everyone would be housed, with a couple spare rooms for hobbies and visitors. But our world is far from ideal.

We're in an escalating housing crisis. Many renters and new mortgage holders are struggling to make ends meet, and risk becoming unhoused. Shouldn't we be willing to lend a hand?

Renting your spare room won't solve the housing crisis, but it might keep somebody housed.

Did you know?

42% of Australian households have more bedrooms than people [ABS Data].

Australia has over 1 million empty homes and 13 million empty spare bedrooms. [1]



Isn't the housing crisis a structural issue? Why should I rent my spare room?

Our society treats housing as a speculative commodity, not a human right – which ultimately drives the housing crisis.

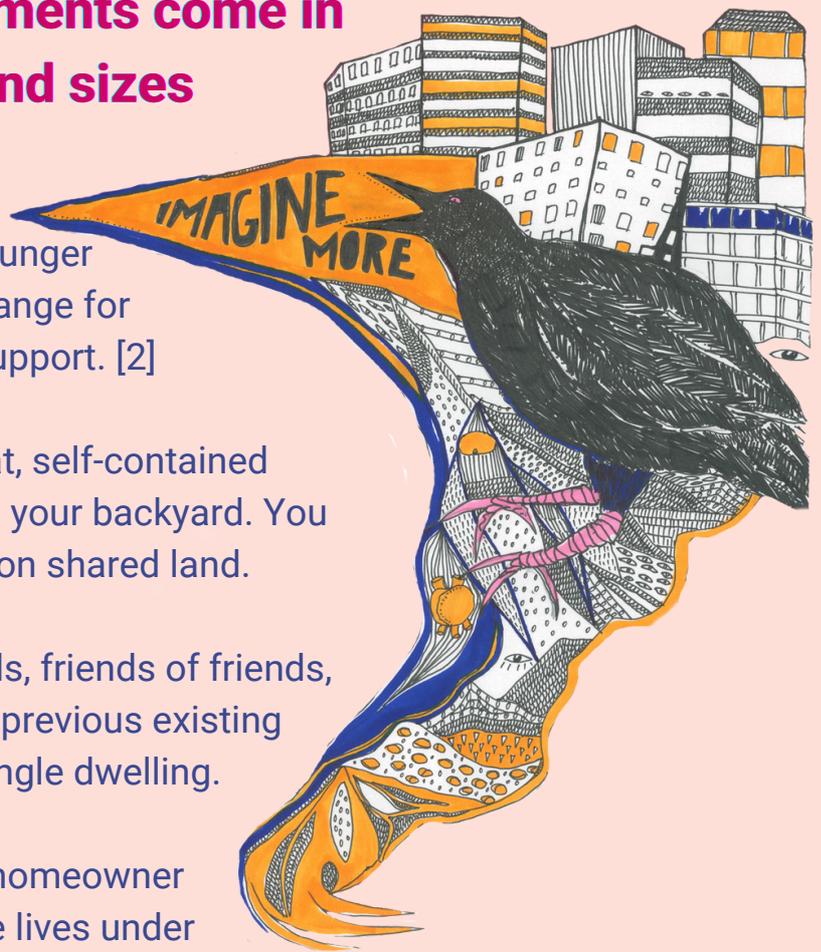
Just because it's a structural problem, doesn't mean ordinary people are entirely powerless.

When governments pursue policies resulting in mass housing insecurity and people becoming unhoused, we think ordinary people have an ethical responsibility to act.



Shared housing arrangements come in many different shapes and sizes

- **Home-sharing:** elderly person offers a spare bedroom to a younger housemate at low cost in exchange for companionship and practical support. [2]
- **Co-housing:** a rented granny-flat, self-contained dwelling, or tiny home parked in your backyard. You live as two unrelated dwellings on shared land.
- **Share housing:** groups of friends, friends of friends, or compatible people without a previous existing relationship live together in a single dwelling.
- **Homeowner renting a room:** a homeowner and tenant live mostly separate lives under one roof to make their housing cheaper, and negotiate how spaces and chores are shared.



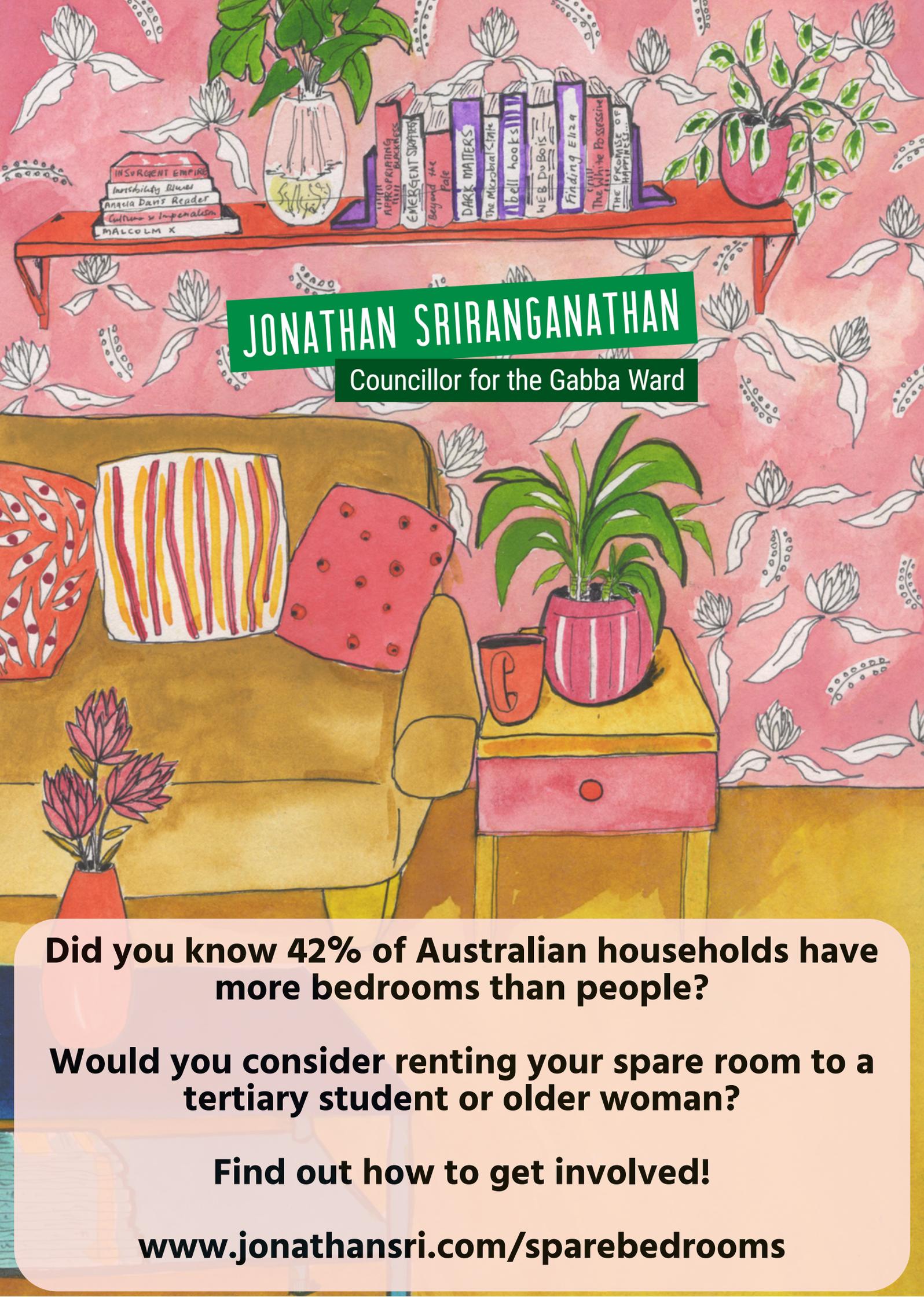
Social connection is important to make these arrangements enjoyable: we recommend starting off with friends or extended family if possible!

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[1] <https://www.ahuri.edu.au/research/brief/are-there-1-million-empty-homes-and-13-million-unused-bedrooms>

[2] <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-06-10/homesharing-program-matches-young-people-with-elderly/6531430>



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Did you know 42% of Australian households have more bedrooms than people?

Would you consider renting your spare room to a tertiary student or older woman?

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