

Essay plan:

Introduction:

hook:	Although New Zealand is a well developed western nation that promotes itself as a small nation that is responsible and cares for its citizens, homelessness is becoming an increasing problem. Housing is no longer a basic necessity that is a human give in. Instead, it is a dream that is more fiction than a real goal.
Context - define homelessness and what counts Introduce global citizenship and explain the concept	<p>Need to remember to add definitions from textbook from the poverty and inequality chapters</p> <p>The New Zealand definition of homelessness encompasses emergency accommodation, shelters, mobile homes, temporary stays with others, and uninhabitable homes. Compared to housed individuals, homeless people face significantly higher rates of physical and mental health problems, violence, insecurity, and social exclusion (Barry-Walsh, 2025; Hodgetts et al., 2014). It also seems to be an issue that is easily neglected.</p>
Transition: highlight that homelessness is a domestic issue that also reflects NZ's alignment with global ethical responsibilities EXPLAIN THE CONCEPT OF GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP HERE	While homelessness is often viewed as a local, independent to each country issue, it also raises broader questions about social responsibility and human rights. This connects closely to the question of global citizenship, which emphasises collective action and empathy across borders. Global citizenship means understanding our place within humanity's interconnected whole, and embracing the rights and responsibilities that flow from our shared fate on this planet (McLennan et al., 2022). Specific to New Zealand is the term, 'Poutiriao,' to encompass

	global citizenship as a beings place in the world, guardians who maintain specific areas with particular behaviours and rules.
Thesis statement	Despite new zealands commitments to universal human rights, the persistent issue of homelessness reveals a significant gap between legal ideals and lived realities; addressing this issue not only a national obligation but also a reflection of New Zealand's responsibilities as a global citizen.

Paragraph 1: scoop, causes & human rights gaps

Topic sentence	Understanding the scale and causes of homelessness in Aotearoa through a global citizenship lens highlights how the failure to ensure adequate housing violates universal human rights principles.
Stats & demographics	Overrepresentation of maori, youth and pasifika in homelessness Within New Zealand, there is an overrepresentation of Maori, youth and pasifika in homelessness. Maori account for roughly 43% of the people living rough
Causes	Poverty, housing shortage, systemic inequity, mental health, domestic violence - but also make this nuanced - e.g., on the benefit and using it for alcohol, not doing anything help themselves out of the situation
Link to human rights	Housing as a fundamental human right (supposedly, if rights were upheld or existed)
Global citizenship link	Understanding homelessness through a global citizenship lens emphasizes that failing to secure housing violates universal human

	rights, and global citizens advocate for solutions locally as part of ethical responsibility
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Paragraph 2: structural and systemic barriers

Housing crisis	Affordability, shortage, limited social housing
Policy gaps	Critique of housing first & government initiatives
Inequities (define the word?)	Impact on maori, pasifika & vulnerable populations
Global citizenship connection	Ethical responsibility to challenge inequity and advocate for vulnerable communities reflects principles of global citizenship

Paragraph 3: ethical & social implications:

Social stigma	Attitudes towards homelessness and policy impact
Health consequences	Mental, physical, and intergenerational effects
Inequality (define word?)	How homelessness perpetuates disadvantage
Global citizenship connection	Empathy and societal responsibility are central; promoting justice locally reflect global ethical standards

Paragraph 4: solutions and recommendations:

Evidence based solutions	Expand housing first, increase affordable housing, culturally responsive initiatives for maori and pasifika
Policy recommendations	Strengthen legal obligations, coordinate NGOs & government action

Global citizenship connection	Practical application of global citizenship - ensuring local policies uphold universal human rights
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Conclusion:

Restate thesis	Homelessness exposes gaps in rights protection and is proof that there is not place, despite how little issues are preached in western countries, a lot of rights are still not upheld
Summarise points	
Closing thought	Addressing homelessness locally demonstrates NZs role as a responsible global citizen, showing universal rights can be realized through local action

Reference list: