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**Housing need hits record high**

Analysis of national census data commissioned by CHIA National for 2021 shows 640,000 Australians' housing needs are not being met. Based on population projections this is likely to grow to 940,000 people in 2041.

In Queensland 81,000 people in regional Queensland's housing needs are unmet and in Brisbane 71,100 people also don't have housing to meet their needs.

'Brisbane along with Sydney has the highest rates of unmet need of all capital cities. Regional Queensland also has one of the highest rates of unmet need'. Executive Director Fiona Caniglia.

'This bears out the experiences of housing and homelessness sector workers who say that demand has surged without appropriate housing solutions to respond'.

Additional findings include:

- 51% of households with unmet need in Brisbane and 47% in regional areas are families
- Two thirds of people with unmet housing needs are very vulnerable due to being in the lowest income quintile
- Gold Coast (24,400), Logan (12,500), Sunshine Coast (12,300) and Ipswich (11,600) are listed among the top ten places with unmet need in the nation
- This equates to a significant percentage of the total population in those places as follows:
  - Logan – 10%
  - Gold Coast – 9.9%
  - Moreton Bay North 9.9%
  - Ipswich – 9%
  - Cairns – 8.9%.

'The unmet need in Brisbane is up 5% since 2016 which is consistent with the pressure being felt in the system' says Executive Director Fiona Caniglia.

'The solutions include ensuring overall housing supply to meet population projections which is inclusive of non-market housing such as social and affordable housing' says Ms Caniglia. 'Australia and Queensland need a substantial building program to meet future needs'.

Q Shelter is Queensland's peak body for affordable housing and homelessness solutions.

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