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Housing summit outcomes to provide immediate support for households in crisis

Q Shelter commends the announcement of a \$56 million support package in the [Queensland Housing Summit Outcomes Report](#) tabled by the Premier in Parliament this morning.

This includes \$45.2 million in new funding for various support and tenancy sustainment measures in addition to \$3.3million in cost-of-living relief.

As Queensland's peak body for housing and homelessness solutions, Q Shelter welcomes the additional support to vulnerable Queenslanders in severe housing stress and homelessness. The commitment to focus on tenancy sustainment, additional immediate housing responses, further support for outreach programs, and greater subsidies and support for renters is welcome.

Fiona Caniglia, Q Shelter's Executive Director, said the announcement recognised the acute housing stress that tens of thousands of Queenslanders are experiencing right now, some having to forgo basic needs like medication and healthy food to keep a roof over their heads.

Q Shelter supports the report's announcement of a Housing Delivery Board, which will be expanded to include Directors General from key government portfolios. The Board will oversee the delivery of actions and will consult with the sector and industry on implementation.

Additionally, the Premier announced the expansion of the remit of Economic Development Queensland (EDQ) to include social and affordable housing, with the aim of speeding up planning approvals in new priority developments and new growth areas. This extra capacity to fast-track housing growth is very welcome.

"Having all levels of government participate in the Summit has been enormously encouraging and a real game changer for building a collaborative plan to address housing need in Queensland."

"Q Shelter has called for a whole-of-government response to support long-term outcomes that will increase housing supply. It is critical that we focus on a healthy housing system, especially in the lead up to the 2032 Games," said Ms Caniglia.

Q Shelter was pleased to hear the Deputy Premier, Steven Miles, state in Parliament today that EDQ would plan for a 'post-Olympic housing stock boost achieved through the use of Olympic village infrastructure.'

“This is a great step in planning for the games, but we can do more. It is imperative the Legacy Plan currently being developed also prevents displacement of people on lower incomes, and includes affordable housing, and supportive housing in response to homelessness. No Queenslanders should be left worse off by hosting the Olympic and Paralympic Games,” concluded Ms Caniglia.

The Summit outcomes report lands at a critical juncture, following last week’s analysis by CHIA National supported by Q Shelter [unmet housing need across Australia](#), and this week’s release of [the Rental Affordability Index](#) by National Shelter and SGS Economics and Planning. Analysis revealed that three Queensland regions, including the Gold Coast, Ipswich, and Logan, were among the top ten locations with the highest numbers of homelessness, housing stress, and overcrowding in Australia.

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About Q Shelter

For over 35 years, Q Shelter has worked as a peak body to improve housing outcomes for Queenslanders.

Over this time, we have remained an unwavering voice for solutions through advocacy, strategic engagement and capacity building.

Besides influencing solutions and policy, Q Shelter provides professional development and shares resources to assist other organisations to be effective, so that our combined capacity to respond to housing need is strengthened.