Better together: A framework for addressing housing need and homelessness in Queensland

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Dear colleagues,

I am pleased to present **Q Shelter's annual policy and investment proposal**. This proposal focusses on achieving a healthy housing system including adequate social and affordable housing as well as support for households to exit homelessness and sustain their tenancies.

Called 'Better Together,' this proposal outlines a coordinated national and state approach to poverty reduction, combined with significant prevention programs.

As cost-of-living pressures increase, we know that integrated poverty reduction measures have made a difference in places like Canada and Ireland. These strategies are integrated, holistic and accountable through rigorous evaluation. Both strategies include housing as a critical feature while also investing in people's well-being and quality of life with a raft of measures that individually are important, but together achieve a truly lasting impact.

Q Shelter is committed to whole of housing system measures that are the most effective context in which to deliver social and affordable housing for people who need it. Q Shelter has also maintained its stance on the need for intensive prevention programs for children and families from pregnancy that ensure no child is homeless, and that prevent exposure to adverse events (ultimately reducing the number of people on a trajectory towards complex homelessness).

Thank you for your contributions to this document. We acknowledge the progress we have all made  while also saying there is work to be done. To all of you across the human services sector working to help address housing need and homelessness, we hope it provides a blueprint for further progress as we confront a future that is challenging. Despite these challenges, we believe that together it is possible to translate hopes into meaningful, system-wide action.
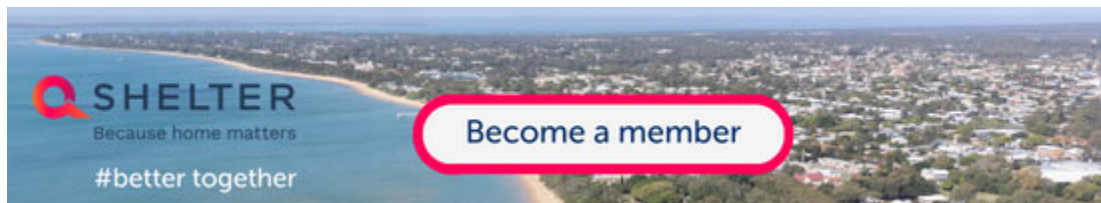
Kind regards,

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