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Peak housing and homelessness body welcomes increase for homelessness services

Q Shelter has welcomed today's announcement by the Queensland Government to increase funding for homelessness services by 20%, in response to the current need.

Q Shelter, and the wider housing and homelessness sector, has been calling for this increase for some time. We also welcome the additional funding that will allow after hours support for six specialist homelessness services.

Executive Director, Fiona Caniglia, said today: 'We have strongly advocated for an increase of this size to meet the escalating need in the community that services are dealing with in this time of crisis.'

'In addition to this announcement today, we hope to see more investment and ongoing support for tenancy sustainment in the wider Queensland housing plan to be announced over the coming days, so that we have the capacity and focus on prevention rather than crisis management.'

'It is important that we work together to design a service system of the future, one that focusses on genuine prevention, to avoid the steady flow of people entering housing stress and homelessness in the first place.'

'Q Shelter looks forward to reviewing all aspects of the Homes for Queenslanders Plan.'

Media comment

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