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## Youth Foyer investment a welcome boost for proven effective solution

Q Shelter welcomes [the announcement to increase supportive housing for young people](#), expanding the successful Youth Foyer model across Queensland.

The announcement is another part of the Queensland Government's new housing plan, and is the result of a collective program of work driven by The Foyer Foundation and their project working group in Queensland, FoyerInvest, of which Q Shelter is a member.

We know the Youth Foyer programs in Logan and the Gold Coast have already made a difference in the lives of so many young people, with a new Foyer soon to be completed in Townsville.

Planning for eight more locations means that more young people throughout Queensland will have an opportunity to be safe in high qual housing while they are also supported to develop goals for the future, including access to employment and education.

Supportive housing plays a critical role for people who have complex needs. Supportive housing guarantees a high quality, safe and affordable home while people receive support within the housing environment.

Youth Foyers are focussed specifically on 16–24-year-olds, and the announcement today is likely to help up to 3,000 youth over the coming ten years.

Q Shelter looks forward to unpacking the remainder of the Queensland housing plan, Homes for Queenslanders over the next few days.

### Media comment

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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.