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Q Shelter congratulates Premier on enabling secondary dwellings

Q Shelter congratulates Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk for acting so quickly to progress a key idea from the recent Housing Round Table.

‘Q Shelter has called for enabling and uniform approaches to secondary dwellings for some time and this represents an immediate idea that will create some housing options.’

‘This approach will also provide a greater focus for many enterprises working on modular, small dwellings which are quick to build and which can be sited within existing properties. This approach to in-fill development has little impact on urban environments yet can create quality small homes at very low cost’ says Executive Director Fiona Caniglia.

‘It will be important to ensure standards for these dwellings so that people are safe. There will be some things to work through but Q Shelter is confident that this measure will help housing supply,’ Ms Caniglia continued.

Q Shelter also suggested that an expert unit is established to receive suggestions about buildings and land that could be used now for homes or could support the future development of social and affordable housing. ‘We are hearing from people with suggestions about properties but there needs to be a systematic way for those properties to be identified and appraised’ says Ms Caniglia.

‘It is great to see churches and other community members suggesting opportunities but this requires a team of experts to help assess the suitability of those properties and then bring them to market as quickly as possible’.

Overall, the early adoption of this approach to secondary dwellings is a great example of the power of a Housing Round Table and Summit. Q Shelter has suggested to the Queensland State Government that this mechanism continues as a way to identify priority actions and progress those actions to successful implementation.

‘The housing crisis won’t be solved overnight so we would like to see the Summit continue as a team of leaders drawn from all sectors with the capability and drive to identify workable solutions and do everything possible to make things happen.’

‘This is a good day for Queensland, and under the Premier’s leadership, we think the Summit will be a new milestone in our capacity to achieve more housing supply now and into the future’.

Q Shelter’s full policy position is available [here](#). [Q Shelter’s framework for ensuring a social inclusion legacy from Brisbane 2032 is available here](#). For more on Q Shelter head to: www.qshelter.asn.au

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