

Media Statement

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Q Shelter welcomes new housing portfolio

Q Shelter, Queensland's peak body for solutions to housing need and homelessness considers the new, focused portfolio on housing a positive step.

'Housing is complex and there are now five state agencies working on much-needed reforms and innovations. A Minister with an exclusive focus on housing reflects the current extent of the crisis, and the level of concurrent activities underway to achieve real solutions,' says Q Shelter Executive Director, Fiona Caniglia.

'We look forward to meeting with the new Minister as soon as possible to understand immediate priorities, and to support a focus on scaling up an immediate response to supply. There are many good initiatives underway, however we are calling for modular and prefabricated homes to play a larger part in how we achieve more supply at greater scale.'

'We look forward to continuing our positive working relationship with the Minister and to forging a relationship between her office and the growing number of stakeholders connected to Q Shelter, who are all working hard on solutions.'

'We have written to Minister Scanlon to welcome her to the portfolio, while also thanking Minister Enoch for her sustained engagement with us as the peak organisation working to ensure every Queenslanders has a home.'

'There are enormous challenges ahead, and we will continue striving to contribute in constructive and practical ways.'

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Q Shelter staff are available for comment and interviews.

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.