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Fast-tracked social housing a welcome addition to Queensland budget announcements

Q Shelter, Queensland's peak body for housing and homelessness solutions, has welcomed the addition of \$320 million for fast-tracked social housing, announced as part of the Queensland State Budget.

Q Shelter Executive Director, Fiona Caniglia said, 'We welcome the commitments from the State Government in the lead up to today's budget, that seek to address housing need and homelessness, and we will be hoping to see even further funding and support to assist vulnerable people to sustain their tenancies in this extremely tight rental market.'

Ms Caniglia added, 'While we welcome the addition of the \$320 million for more social homes fast-tracked for delivery by 2025, we will be working with Government to ensure these funds go as far as possible to maximise the community's investment.'

Earlier this year Q Shelter set out their annual policy statement, which spanned a comprehensive raft of additional support and investment areas to achieve growth in housing options.

Q Shelter has also welcomed the pre-budget announcement last week of \$64.3 million towards emergency accommodation, funds to help determine the most appropriate housing option for the Pinkenba site, and the purchasing of additional properties from the market for social housing across Queensland.

Q Shelter is Queensland's peak body for housing and homelessness solutions, and their vision is that every Queenslander has a home.

Q Shelter is available for comment on the Queensland State Budget, either today or tomorrow, as follows:

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Q Shelter's full policy statement 'Better Together' is available [on the Q Shelter website: https://qshelter.asn.au/what-we-do/influence/policy-statements/](https://qshelter.asn.au/what-we-do/influence/policy-statements/)

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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.