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Pinkenba progress needs collaboration

Q Shelter is writing today to each level of Government offering to host an implementation design meeting to investigate how the facility could play its part in easing the housing crisis.

‘This has been our standing offer for some time now, and we are eager to get it moving as soon as possible,’ said Executive Director Fiona Caniglia.

‘Now is the time when we need collaboration across the levels of Government together with the community services sector. We are offering to host that event to more deeply consider how implementation could succeed.’

‘The site does have some challenges but is also an opportunity that needs to be fully explored. It might not work for every area of need, but it might just work for some’.

‘Q Shelter members have tentatively considered how this site could be used but further implementation design is necessary to make sure that it is suitable and safe and to consider whose needs could be met through this facility’.

Q Shelter proposes that a critical next step in considering Pinkenba as a facility to help ease the current housing crisis is for key stakeholders to meet and decide how implementation could succeed. If there are barriers to success, how can they be managed?

‘We need to decide who is the facility best suited to so that people are safe and well’.

‘If the barriers are insurmountable or the costs are too high compared to other investment in housing supply then let’s work that out together. We need collaboration and trust to exhaust all possibilities. If this is feasible and cost-effective, then let’s chart an implementation plan together.’

‘People experiencing homelessness need to know that we as leaders are putting them first in everything we do, running every single opportunity to ground’.

Q Shelter is aware of support from the Queensland Government and Brisbane City Council for the Pinkenba site being activated as an accommodation solution. The council has offered \$1 million in funding and consideration around transport aspects, and the State has agreed to consider up to a \$10 million package as well as considering how a service provider could manage it.

‘A meeting with all levels of Government and key service providers is an obvious next step to consider implementation in more detail. We are ready to play our role.’

Q Shelter is Queensland’s peak organisation for solutions to housing needs and homelessness.

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