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Building homes faster is critical to housing solutions

Q Shelter welcomes announcements today about reforms to build homes faster.

The following quotes can be attributed to Q Shelter's Executive Director, Fiona Caniglia.

'These measures help to achieve greater speed and reduced cost.'

'The inclusion of a ground lease model is a step in the right direction, which we hope will increase the opportunities for community housing providers to contribute to growth projects. We will continue to work towards a combination of approaches to long-term leases on land, and improved access to asset ownership, so that community housing providers are in the strongest position to ensure more Queenslanders have a home.'

'We are on the record calling for scaling up of capacity and capability in modern methods of construction. We want to see private industry supported to achieve significant growth and the greatest speed possible. We will be urging even greater scale and capacity in this sector so that we achieve reforms to construction methods and solve issues with delivery.'

'Q Shelter has called for an inclusionary planning model that combines mandatory requirements, with incentives as well as funding and subsidies for social and affordable housing. We support the inclusionary planning pilot project, and this will be another opportunity for partnerships involving community housing providers. Hopefully it will help evaluate how inclusionary planning can work and be scaled across the state in the right locations.'

'Funding to support infill development, achieving greater density close to transport and services is important to address the complex barriers to supply in the current market. It also creates homes where people face fewer ongoing costs such as fuel and transport.'

'We endorse the uplift in skills and focus through the State Facilitated Development Team. The system definitely needs capacity and capability to drive solutions and remove barriers to the success of growth projects.'

'The success will be in the implementation of these measures and the convergence of opinions across private and not-for-profit peak organisations about solutions now needs to be the foundation for helping implementation succeed.'

'The raft of measures highlights the complexity of the housing system. So many factors influence growth, affordability, and the speed of delivery. These measures are not isolated from each other. They interact to address system capacity and capability.'

'We need to see the same system level improvements in the delivery of homelessness services, which is why the planned review is critically important.'

'We welcome the 20 percent uplift in funding for hard-working front-line services and also the announcement of eight new Youth Foyer projects for young people. This is so important to our sector right now and was achieved because of their incredibly hard work.'

'Q Shelter will be working just as hard to support the review of the homelessness system inclusive of government and non-government services so that we can design a system for success, based on evidence and needs-based planning.'

'Needs have changed. The location of demand for services is also expanding. There is new evidence of what is proven to work. This is our opportunity to design a system for success with the end-user firmly at the centre.'

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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.