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Media Release – Investment in modular homes welcome

Q Shelter welcomes the announcement that the [State Government will deliver 600 modular homes](#) as part of the \$2.8 billion for housing committed as part of *Homes for Queenslanders*.

Executive Director Fiona Caniglia highlights ‘we need rapid construction of homes to meet current needs while other reforms and investments are realised’.

‘Q Shelter is on the record calling for rapid scaling of initiatives to modernise construction. We have called for an expansion to the Q Build Rapid Accommodation and Apprentice Centres to involve more suppliers in delivery and support for this industry to grow, at-scale.’

Industrialisation of construction is also an important part of the future capacity to deliver more homes as quickly as possible, including the off-site prefabrication on building materials that can supply future residential development.

‘There are still further opportunities to develop decentralised infrastructure to enable faster construction of modular homes and of the components of homes saving time and money.

‘Queensland has proven its ability to innovate and lead on important new technologies. The future of construction must include investment in decentralised factories that can deliver components and modular homes at scale. We need to engage the suppliers using modern methods of construction and involve them in a road map to scale.

‘Our state can lead on this agenda, given the Federal Government’s recently announced Advanced Manufacturing program and our strong regional footprint. There is an opportunity for Queensland to lead on this transformation, creating jobs, strengthening regional areas, and in the process provide people with real homes.’

In addition to ramping up the supply of modular homes, we are interested in collaborating with the Queensland Government to widen the scope of Modern Methods of Construction (MMC) program. One of the outcomes we envision is the creation of a strategic site where the use of innovative construction methods is encouraged. A focus on a strategic site and demonstration project will help guide policy and investment discussions and decisions. It will assist in paving the way towards greater scale, capacity, industry growth, and the infrastructure needed to achieve the delivery of more homes across the state.

Q Shelter has led a Community of Practice (CoP) on housing diversity which has a spotlight on MMC right now. The CoP includes members from Community Housing Industry Association, Planning Institute of Australia, Property Council of Australia, Master Builders, Strata Community Association, the Institute of Architects and many more.

‘This announcement is a step in the right direction. We think the future can build on this and achieve extraordinary capacity to build homes through world-leading technology.’

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All quotes are attributable to Q Shelter Executive Director, Fiona Caniglia.

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