COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE



Make a submission to the **inquiry into supported accommodation in Queesland** 

### How are supported housing places run? How are they funded? How much does it costs to live there?

#### Supported accommodation in Queensland

The Community Support and Services Committee is looking into supported and shared housing services.

#### Residents

The committee is looking into people's health and welfare, the quality of the services they receive, and what kinds of safeguards are in place to ensure their safety. The committee is also looking at how NDIS funded service fit with residential services.

#### Supported and shared housing

The committee is looking at how supported housing places are run, how they are funded, and how much it costs to live there.

The committee is considering whether the laws and standards that apply are good enough to make sure people are treated fairly, and services are to standard.

#### Have your say

Anyone can make a submission to the committee. You have until 2 February 2024.

The committee wants to hear from current and former residents, as well as carers and families, residential providers, and advocates for people in supported accommodation.

Here are a few tips to help you.

- You can include your views, facts, or personal experiences. Simply click on this <u>link</u>.
- If you are unable to write or type, you can record your voice or make a short video and send the file to the committee. There is a time limit of 5 minutes or less on an audio or video recording.

#### Include your contact details

You must include your name, address, email and/or a phone number.

You can ask that your name not be published or that your views are only for the committee to read.

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### What are supported and shared housing?

In Queensland, residential services means shared housing, often with other support services, for 4 or more people who are not related and who share facilities such as a kitchen or bathroom.

The Department of Housing makes sure this type of housing operates at a certain standard, or level of accreditation. This inquiry will check the standards and rules of places with levels 1, 2 and 3 accreditations.

#### Accreditation for residential services

To obtain accreditation, your residential service must meet the minimum standards for each level in the *Residential Services (Accreditation) Regulation 2018.* All residential services must be accredited at level 1. Those that provide a food service require level 2. Those that include a personal care service require level 3. The minimum standards for these levels are outlined below:

| Level 1   | Level 2   | Level 3   |
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| People have a right to privacy,<br>prevention of abuse and<br>neglect, a complaint mechanism<br>in place, access to external<br>service providers, entitlement to<br>independence and freedom of<br>choice, adequate living<br>environment, adequate security<br>and an emergency response in<br>place. | Level 1 standards as well as the<br>inclusion of the provision of food<br>services. Individuals are entitled<br>to secure food and nutrition, as<br>well as safe kitchens, and proper<br>food handling and storage. | Level 1 standards along with supplementary care services. |

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