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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

### **Housing Summit**

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Olympics) (9.38 am): Last Thursday more than 170 people, representing both the state and federal government, local governments and others who work at the housing coalface, gathered for our government's historic housing summit. I again want to thank everyone for attending this important event, including members across the political divide from this chamber. We know how important housing is for families.

There is nothing more heartbreaking than the stories we have all heard recently about Queenslanders unable to find accommodation. We are facing unprecedented housing pressure. This issue is not unique to Queensland. It is being faced across the nation. But Queensland can find unique solutions—tangible, workable solutions—and we can achieve that by working together. There was so much goodwill in that room. Our government has already made significant decisions. We will double the size of our Housing Investment Fund from \$1 billion to 2 billion to help with the commencement of new homes. Additionally, there are now key outcomes from the summit that I am determined to become a reality.

Every idea presented at the summit is important. We have been approached by many organisations and individuals with offers of land and other contributions to help get more homes into the market quickly. This includes faith-based organisations that are doing a stocktake of their own landholdings to see what might be suitable for housing. As an immediate step, we will establish a portal where more of those ideas can be received at a clearing house within government, bringing together all departments to consider all these offers and work quickly and collectively to unlock their potential. We will undertake our own audit of government buildings and land. We have activated more emergency funding and support worth \$21 million and will continue to assess if we need to activate more.

We know we are looking down the barrel of a severe storm season. That is why our government will be cutting red tape to allow faster construction of emergency accommodation in disaster affected communities. This will be in place as a matter of priority ahead of the coming season.

The outcomes from the summit will be captured in a report to be tabled in the parliament next month. It requires we take our time but still act with urgency to analyse that data and present a suite of solutions to address this critical issue facing thousands of Queensland families.