



Speech By  
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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

**Housing Summit**

 **Hon. LM ENOCH** (Algester—ALP) (Minister for Communities and Housing, Minister for Digital Economy and Minister for the Arts) (10.06 am): Last week the Premier hosted the Queensland Housing Summit and opened with the key announcement that this government will double the size of our Housing Investment Fund to \$2 billion. The Palaszczuk government is now investing a record \$3.9 billion in social and affordable housing in Queensland. That means that since coming to office in 2015 the Palaszczuk government will have commenced more than 13,000 social and affordable homes across a number of programs by 2027. That is more than 1,000 homes a year—almost three commenced each and every day. Just last week I joined Senator Anthony Chisholm and local MP Jimmy Sullivan to cut the ribbon on 38 new social housing units in Lutwyche, marking the 4,000th social home completed by the Palaszczuk government since 2015. With the whole housing sector united and working together, even more can be achieved. The summit saw almost 200 stakeholders in the room—with many more live streamed—put ideas on the table to bolster housing and homelessness assistance.

The summit was held over a day and included plenary and breakout sessions covering: social housing; emergency accommodation and homelessness solutions; density, planning and housing diversity; construction challenges and innovation; and housing and rental affordability. We heard from stakeholders and those with lived experience that: more support is needed for homeless services; prefabricated homes are a fast way to get stock on the ground; and inclusionary zoning is an option to increase supply.

I am pleased to report to the House that we are already delivering several actions to help alleviate housing pressure, including: changes to enable better use of secondary dwellings, allowing home owners to rent out a granny flat to potential tenants outside their immediate family; working with the Catholic Church and other faith-based organisations that have identified properties which could be used for housing; working in partnership with Griffith University to deliver 200 unutilised student accommodation beds to be used as crisis accommodation; and recently going to market via an EOI for modern methods of construction, seeking suppliers of prefabricated homes to help source immediate housing solutions with a commitment to purchase 50 in the first instance.

In June this year the Premier also announced an Immediate Housing Response Package backed by a \$16 million investment to help families secure or sustain a rental property. This targeted response is helping families in urgent housing need across Queensland. We recently boosted it by \$5 million as an outcome of the housing round table. To ensure we keep the momentum going, we will table the outcome of the Housing Summit in a report in parliament. The report will capture the discussions and insights of those at the summit and detail how we action them. We know that Queenslanders are naturally resilient and optimistic. As we face a national housing challenge, Queensland is well-positioned to collectively build the solutions we need to house vulnerable Queenslanders sooner.