



Speech By  
**Hon. Leanne Enoch**


**MEMBER FOR ALGESTER**

---

Record of Proceedings, 27 October 2022

**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

**Housing**

 **Hon. LM ENOCH** (Algester—ALP) (Minister for Communities and Housing, Minister for Digital Economy and Minister for the Arts) (10.12 am): We know that the entire housing system right across Australia has been under increasing pressure. Reports show that private rental listings have dropped while demand is increasing across Queensland, and this has been the same across other jurisdictions. At last week's Housing Summit we heard from the Treasurer that a growing change in household formation, in that households are getting smaller, means we need more houses for the same population. Add to that net interstate migration has come surging back and beyond to historic highs. The private rental stock is also under pressure due to properties being sold or held for sale or properties being used to establish businesses at home, which is why the Deputy Premier has also announced we are looking into the impact short-term rental properties are having on private rental supply. Of course, there are many homes that are still under repair as a result of the floods.

But the challenges we face cannot be solved by one entity alone. That is why last week's Housing Summit was critical, bringing local, state and federal levels of government together alongside industry and sector expertise to explore solutions for Queenslanders. The Housing Summit was an opportunity to discuss actions, ideas and solutions and it was incredibly well received by those who attended. The REIQ CEO said that having local, state and federal government representatives in the room listening to a variety of stakeholders has been an important step towards addressing our state's housing crisis. The CEO from Micah Projects said that the Housing Summit was the start to renewed focus and energy to build a more equitable, diverse and inclusive housing system that ensures a place for the most vulnerable Queenslanders.

It was great to also have the federal housing minister in attendance at the Queensland Housing Summit and very refreshing to see the federal Labor government step up to the plate when it comes to housing with this week's budget announcement of a new Housing Accord, setting an initial aspirational target of one million homes across Australia. This is on top of the \$10 billion Housing Australia Future Fund to build 30,000 new social and affordable homes over five years. The federal Labor government has also reaffirmed its commitment to develop a 10-year national housing and homelessness plan.

Working together and looking for multiple, innovative short-, medium- and long-term solutions was at the heart of our Queensland Housing Summit which is why, as the Premier announced this morning, I will be introducing legislation later today to allow Queenslanders buying or selling their property to voluntarily contribute to Homes for Homes, an independent not-for-profit social enterprise established by the *Big Issue*. Homes for Homes generates private sector revenue to invest in social and affordable housing projects by securing voluntary donations from landowners, including property developers, upon the sale of a participating property.

Under the scheme, home owners and property developers can voluntarily enter a donation deed to make a tax deductible donation of 0.1 per cent of the sale price of their property at sale. We have seen the success of Homes for Homes in other states and territories over the past few years, with

several millions of dollars donated and in turn invested in new social and affordable homes in those jurisdictions. To support the expansion of the Homes for Homes initiative in Queensland, the Palaszczuk government will also invest \$500,000 seed funding. To tackle the housing challenges being faced right across Australia, the Palaszczuk government is working with all stakeholders, local government and industry to address supply and supporting Homes for Homes in Queensland is just one innovative solution to deliver more housing outcomes for Queenslanders. The Palaszczuk government continues to invest in good jobs, better services and a great lifestyle.