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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Social and Affordable Housing**

 **Mr SULLIVAN** (Stafford—ALP) (2.03 pm): I rise to welcome the latest social and affordable housing project in my beautiful electorate of Stafford. I recently welcomed the Minister for Housing to visit and turn the sod on the latest project in Chermside. It is delivering another 92 social and affordable homes. It will be constructed in Chermside under the partnership between Brisbane Housing Company and QIC, funded through the Queensland government's signature \$2 billion Housing Investment Fund.

This project will deliver 46 new social housing units and 46 affordable housing units. Demolition has already begun on site. It is coming along well. Negotiations were completed in relation to the four existing older homes that will now be replaced by 92 homes. It is close to transport, great local schools, hospital and medical services as well as Westfield Chermside for the services, retail and job opportunities all of that provides. It is a great location for these sorts of projects.

This is in addition to the recent developments across the north side, including new projects in Lutwyche and Windsor which are already tenanted; two new build projects well underway in Alderley; a great new building completed and tenanted in Kedron; and another build already underway in another part of Chermside, in addition to the site referred to earlier. I welcome this fantastic investment in our northern suburbs. I am proud to be part of a government that invests in social and affordable housing and I am proud to represent a community that embraces that investment. We are a stronger community for it.

What are the priorities of those opposite? The new project is actually directly opposite the Prince Charles Hospital. We know what the LNP aspire to when it comes to our hospital staff. They sacked 1,400 health workers in Metro North HHS alone, including more than 700 nurses. That is what they aspire to. Compare that to the \$360 million investment we are putting into the Prince Charles Hospital, delivering 94 new beds, a new acute services facility and an expansion of both adult and paediatric EDs. When it comes to leadership and law reform, those opposite aspire to go back to the future. They have learnt nothing.

The chaos and extremism of the member for Kawana in government led to his own party instigating what they themselves dubbed 'operation boring' to try to keep him away from cameras for six months. I accept that was a daunting challenge for the LNP, yet those opposite have now promoted him. That is what they aspire to.

When it comes to housing, again, they want to relive the terrible record from when they were in government. The Leader of the Opposition has appointed the very member in his shadow cabinet who was the disastrous minister in their government, leaving a legacy of fewer social houses than when he started, threatening grandmas to take in a stranger and not allowing tenants to go on holidays to visit kids when they had had a baby or needed care. That is their legacy and that is what they aspire to. We build and they cut and the community knows it.