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 **Hon. MAJ SCANLON** (Gaven—ALP) (Minister for Housing) (9.57 am): Dozens of Queenslanders will soon call brand new social housing units in Mount Gravatt East home. This morning, I joined our partners BHC and the member for Mansfield to check out the new units where tenants will move in over the coming weeks. Construction is about to wrap up on the new complex, which includes 32 one-bedroom units for Queenslanders on the social housing register. These modern, high-quality social and affordable units will provide long-term, stable rental housing—a place to call home. These new social and affordable homes have been designed for single people and couples who need housing assistance, including seniors and young people.

An important factor in social housing is accessibility to services, and these units are located close to local shops, services and public transport. The over \$12 million project was constructed in partnership with the Brisbane Housing Company. I want to acknowledge its contribution with the Palaszczuk government's contribution of over \$6 million. It is part of a record \$3.9 billion investment in social and affordable housing, the largest concentrated investment in Queensland's history. As the Premier said this morning, on average we have built more than 10 homes a week since coming to government. I am keen to see more projects like this delivered as soon as possible.

I will continue working with housing providers, industry, councils, First Nations groups and the federal government to deliver for our state's most vulnerable. I am for building housing. Anyone who is holding up funding needs to get out of the way. Just recently, the federal coalition and the Greens teamed up to delay federal Labor's vital housing legislation. They are standing in the way of thousands of homes in Queensland. We are delivering housing; they are blocking it. We will always stand up for more housing for Queenslanders, and every politician at every level of government should do the same.