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 **Hon. MAJ SCANLON** (Gaven—ALP) (Minister for Housing) (10.02 am): Queensland is the most decentralised state in the country and our government has a proud track record of delivering for the regions. We have delivered 1,848 new social homes outside of South-East Queensland and we have many more in the pipeline as part of our Big Build.

Today I am pleased to update the House that tenants have moved into eight new tiny homes in Gympie. While they might be tiny, they will have a big impact. These homes will provide accommodation to those in need in the region, where vacancies are tight. The factory-built homes were installed at the Gympie Recovery Accommodation Park—a joint project between the Palaszczuk government and the local council after floods devastated the town in February last year.

Brendale business Alphaline Tiny Homes, which I visited recently, constructed the homes that have joined 26 other buildings on site which comprise one-, two- and three-bedroom homes. As flood affected residents continue to be helped to transition out of the park into longer term housing, the site is now being used to accommodate people feeling the impacts of the national housing pressures in the Gympie region. That includes people like Don. Don said he had been sleeping in his van at a roadside rest area. He said—

I had a high-profile job and businesses, then I had a nervous breakdown after having a heart attack.

I lost the farm, the house, my cars—and everything that goes with it.

Offered one of the tiny homes, he said, 'I thought I'd won the lottery.'

We have delivered housing for people like Don right across the state. We have partnered with builders in Queensland to deliver 100 module houses by the end of the year—places that will soon be home for social housing tenants and frontline government staff. Whether it is tiny homes, modular homes or traditional builds, it is the Palaszczuk government that is pulling every lever and using innovative housing solutions to help Queenslanders in need of a safe place to live.