




Speech By  
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## MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

### Housing

 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure) (9.46 am): Queensland is the best place in the world to work, live and raise a family, so it is no wonder that people are moving here in droves. We are determined to ensure everyone has a place to call home. To do that, we need every level of government, the private sector and not-for-profit sectors to all work together.

This is a national challenge. Over 95 per cent of people get their housing from the private market affected by national economic conditions. Local government also plays a critical role. Councils are responsible for much of the planning and lot approvals. That is why we are helping councils by reviewing regional plans, preparing and delivering local housing action plans for rural and remote councils and providing catalytic infrastructure funding to unlock growth.

In South-East Queensland, where the pressure is building the fastest, we are fast-tracking a review of the SEQ Regional Plan. Following the last housing round table and summit, the Palaszczuk government has implemented a comprehensive package of planning reforms and investments into the housing market. We have made developing rooming accommodation easier, changed the planning rules for small-scale rural workers' accommodation, and sped up approvals for emergency housing in disaster-affected communities.

We committed \$23.5 million in new funding for more accommodation and services for people experiencing homelessness, and we are investing \$21.7 million in extra support for those struggling to find a home in the private rental market or who cannot afford to pay their rent.

We expanded the Housing Supply Expert Panel, we are auditing all state government-owned land and buildings to identify new opportunities, and we have made social and affordable housing projects eligible as community infrastructure. We have doubled the Housing Investment Fund to \$2 billion.

A key part of our approach to provide more affordable and diverse housing to Queenslanders is to open up more lot supply in Queensland's Priority Development Areas. To assist development by helping deliver necessary infrastructure within the PDAs, the Palaszczuk government's Catalyst Infrastructure Fund is playing an important role in unlocking lots for development.

In the last budget we boosted the government's Catalyst Infrastructure Fund with a further \$150 million in equity funding to help deliver communities in Ripley Valley and Greater Flagstone. This is all about building the infrastructure so that homes can be built for Queenslanders who need them. I am pleased to announce \$5.91 million as part of an initial \$40 million in catalyst funding to deliver essential infrastructure within the Ripley Valley PDA. This funding will see Stockland develop Barrams Road in Ripley Valley that will unlock 5,600 lots. Eventually Ripley Valley will have 48,750 dwellings and will house a population of 131,000 people.

Today we will meet with experts and industry at the housing round table, but we also want to hear directly from Queenslanders. Following the housing round table the new housing opportunities portal will go live. Queenslanders are encouraged to share their ideas that can help improve Queensland's housing supply and unlock housing solutions throughout the state. Submissions will be assessed by the state development department in consultation with relevant agencies and may be referred to a cross-agency working group for further consideration.

The Palaszczuk government is delivering real action on housing but there is more work to be done. I look forward to gathering with experts and industry today to deliver more housing for Queensland families.