




Speech By
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 **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) (9.43 am): The Palaszczuk government is determined to help as many Queenslanders as possible into secure housing. Yesterday stakeholders from industry, local government and community came together to work on solutions to increase housing supply and affordability. This is a national challenge that is being felt across Queensland and across the country. We were able to update them on the many actions already taken and next steps to address housing supply. The Palaszczuk government has made a number of changes to the planning rules to improve housing supply and diversity and make it easier for local governments to approve more homes. Already more than 100 granny flats have been rented out through the private market.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: The Treasurer will cease his interjections. The member for Everton will cease his interjections. This is not going to turn into yesterday, members. I am making myself clear very early in the piece.

Dr MILES: Already more than 100 granny flats have been rented out through the private market and more than 30 are currently listed as 'for rent' on realestate.com. There is no silver bullet, but practical changes like this are helping to bring more supply to market. I want to again thank all of the participants in our two round tables and the Housing Summit for their commitment to work with us to provide more homes for Queenslanders.

I am sure the member for Aspley will be pleased to know works will begin this week on the final 25 terrace home lots at Carseldine Village. Delivery of the homes in the last stages are being supported by a \$7.8 million investment from the Queensland government with Queensland-owned civil construction company Shadforth set to commence works. When completed Carseldine Village will contain up to 606 dwellings.

Not only are we increasing housing supply but Carseldine Village is at the forefront of net zero energy emissions homes. It is the first 100 per cent solar and battery residential terrace home community in Queensland. Each home will have PV solar battery storage, wifi air-conditioning systems controlled by smartphones and heat pump hot water systems, saving homeowners substantial amounts on their electricity bills. Additionally, the garages will include a power outlet ready to accommodate a future electric vehicle charger.

Over 75 per cent of the natural bushland on the original site has been retained and there is more than 18 hectares of green and open space. With Carseldine Village, the Palaszczuk government, through Economic Development Queensland, is making sustainable living affordable. The Palaszczuk government is committed to delivering more affordable and diverse housing options for Queenslanders. We are working hard, together with stakeholders, to improve housing supply, security, affordability and diversity right across the state.