




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) (9.51 am): The Palaszczuk Labor government is a government for all of Queensland. We are committed to ensuring every Queenslander has a place to call home. To that end, we have convened two round tables and a summit to hear from industry leaders, from local government and from our community housing sector to get the best advice on how to get more Queenslanders into homes. We are investing \$3.9 billion in social and affordable housing—the largest concentrated investment in Queensland’s history. My department is working with councils to help them to bring more housing to market sooner.

I recently announced we would invest around \$25 million to purchase more than 60 homes across Queensland, including in the Far North suburbs of Gordonvale and Smithfield. In Mount Peter, up to \$15 million in co-funding via the Palaszczuk government’s Building Acceleration Fund will enable construction of essential water infrastructure which will, in turn, unlock more than 445 lots in the suburb.

We have completed an audit of underutilised government owned land, with more detailed investigations now underway to determine how we can best use the assets we have, including across the Far North, and we have asked local councils to do the same. We owe it to Queenslanders to do everything we can to grow housing supply. We work best when we work together and we will continue to work with local governments to deliver more housing for Queenslanders.