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Home Ownership

 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (2.46 pm): I rise to firstly congratulate the opposition leader on his vision to increase home ownership in this state.

Government members interjected.

Mr MANDER: The fact that Queensland is at the bottom of the list of home ownership in this country is a disgrace. The bold vision that we will be on top in 10 years time is a vision that is worth fighting for, not laughing about. Those opposite are laughing about that vision of our young people achieving home ownership. The LNP is all about aspiration; it is all about rewarding effort. What we want is for our young people to have the opportunity to own a home.

I want to congratulate the opposition leader on that vision and on appointing the shadow Treasurer as the first shadow minister for home ownership in this nation. In a year's time, the shadow Treasurer will become the first minister for home ownership in this country. That is visionary. That shows that we work as a total government, not department by department. We realise that every department must work together to secure the housing foundations that we require. We need the Treasurer, the housing minister, the state planning minister and the local government minister all working together. This side of the House can work together—not like the Labor Party, which is full of factions where the left will not speak to the right and the right will not speak to the old guard and they are speaking at odds with each other and contradicting each other. This is a vision worth fighting for and a vision that every shadow minister and every member on this side is totally committed to. We are determined to actually achieve that.

Over the weekend we celebrated—and 'celebrated' is a moot word—that it has been one year since the Housing Summit. We have to question whether vulnerable Queenslanders are better off than they were a year ago. The answer is that they are not—because this government is all about announcements and not about reality. There is no greater example of that than the latest announcement which was made at Northshore Hamilton of supposedly about 1,500 homes, including 200 social housing properties and 1,300 privately owned properties. This was announced 14 months ago, then reannounced in August and promoted recently by the Premier with those beautiful drone shots of Northshore. This government have more drones than you could imagine, and we are not talking about Labor ministers. They have drones coming out of their ears. They have big production numbers, but for what?

Let's talk about that project. That project, despite all these promises, has no proponent, no contract, no funding, no development applications and no hope of being realised in the next 10 years. That is consistent with every other announcement the government has made over this last year. The shadow Treasurer mentioned some of those before: the Griffith University debacle, cobbled together in

24 hours between Labor mates; the War Widows were supposed to get special properties; the Catholic Church donated 90 properties and we still do not know what is happening with that; the great granny flat announcement where we still do not know whether there is one person in a granny flat because of the so-called announcements that they made; and the HIF, the Housing Investment Fund, doubled in size to \$2 billion, but they may as well make it \$20 billion because it has been three years since that announcement and there is not one person in a house because of the Housing Investment Fund. The projects that have been announced have been delayed and delayed and delayed.

Then they talk about their record investment. The independent Productivity Commission has told us that for the last two years running this state government has had the lowest investment per capita in social housing in the nation. Government members come in here and crow about their achievements. They change ministers. They have a new minister in there at the moment who is doing the same policies the same way, announcement after announcement, and it is vulnerable Queenslanders who are suffering.