




Speech By  
**Hon. Lance McCallum**

**MEMBER FOR BUNDAMBA**

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**RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AND ROOMING ACCOMMODATION AND OTHER  
LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL; MANUFACTURED HOMES (RESIDENTIAL  
PARKS) AMENDMENT BILL**

 **Hon. LR McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development) (7.45 pm): I am proud to rise in support of both of these bills. I will firstly deal with the bill that relates to residential tenancies and renters. The Miles Labor government is proud to be supporting Queensland renters through our Homes for Queenslanders plan, which includes initiatives to support Queensland renters, with over \$160 million of additional funding to help tackle the cost of living. By expanding the range of support available, more eligible renters can find, get and crucially keep a rental home.

That is a real relief for Bundamba renters right now. Thousands of Bundamba locals and local households will be supported by these reforms. This direct cost-of-living support goes alongside additional protections for renters that are contained in these laws. We are strengthening the rights of renters in addition to easing the cost-of-living pressures experienced by renters in my community and right across Queensland. It is through these reforms that Labor is delivering real and practical assistance for renters.

It is a great pity that the LNP thinks that our Home for Queenslanders plan is too much. Why? It is because it is building more social and affordable housing and offering more support to renters. That is something that the LNP simply does not believe in.

Turning to the manufactured homes bill, I am also very proud to support our reforms to deliver greater protections and cost-of-living certainty for manufactured home owners. These reforms make conditions fairer for residents, many of whom are seniors. These are home owners who rent the land that their homes are on, often facing steep unpredictable rent hikes. Many are pensioners on fixed incomes who are struggling to cope with rising cost-of-living pressures.

I want to place on record my acknowledgement and thanks for our local Bundamba manufactured home owners at communities like River Terraces, Redbank Palms and Laeta Living at Blackstone. I thank them for their time, their feedback and their participation in these reforms. I think of Gary Rankin and Maree Tierney from River Terraces. I have had many meetings with them right through the process of these reforms, including through the regulatory impact statement consultations. It is because of people like Gary and Maree and so many others across Queensland that home owners will be happy to see these laws change to limit site rent increases to CPI or 3.5 per cent and for a ban to be introduced on rent reviews, as rent reviews have been used to justify unrealistic steep rental hikes. These reforms will make it much fairer to sell a manufactured home.

While others talk, Labor is taking real action to deliver immediate and tangible relief, ensuring fairer rent practices and greater security for these home owners. This is what the new Miles Labor government is about: listening and delivering. I conclude by placing on record my thanks and acknowledgment to the member for Bancroft, the member for Maryborough and the minister, who is in the House now. These are wonderful reforms and I commend them to the House.