




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 **Hon. MAJ SCANLON** (Gaven—ALP) (Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Public Works) (9.53 am): This budget proves that the Miles Labor government is doing what matters for Queensland. We have locked in record funding of \$2.8 billion this financial year to deliver our Homes for Queenslanders plan. We are doing what matters—to build more homes faster, faster with a \$350 million Incentivising Infill Fund to unlock new homes close to public transport and where people work and new fast-track approval pathways and providing hundreds and millions of dollars to work in partnership with councils to unlock supply.

We are also doing what matters by boosting our social housing Big Build, increasing our investment in capital by 54 per cent to \$1.1 billion, building both traditional homes and modular homes and getting more tradies on the tools through our public builder, QBuild; we are doing what matters for renters, with a \$160 million renters relief package to help pay for rent and bonds and deliver stronger rights and protections; and we are doing what matters for first home buyers by lifting the stamp duty threshold, doubling the first home owner's grant and yesterday becoming the first state in the country to legislate the Help to Buy shared equity scheme.

If the Leader of the Opposition and the LNP are genuine about supporting a shared equity scheme, then he should join me in calling on Peter Dutton to stop blocking this scheme in the federal parliament. The Leader of the Opposition needs to rebuke the comments from his hand-picked candidate for Oodgeroo who thinks that government helping people buy a home is 'really dangerous and really quite worrisome'. This budget and our plan gives Queenslanders a clear choice: a government with a long-term plan to build more homes faster, support renters, community housing providers and homelessness organisations or those opposite, who cut before and will cut again. Only the Miles Labor government is doing what matters for Queensland.