




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Housing

 **Hon. MAJ SCANLON** (Gaven—ALP) (Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Public Works) (9.55 am): I want to read some comments I came across when I visited a hotel we recently bought and transformed into homes in South Brisbane—

I feel so blessed with all the support we've had... as soon as I saw this unit I thought, yes, I'm taking it. It will be my love and joy, my prized possession.

My son has always shared a room with me, and he's over the moon to have his own bedroom. He keeps running around, saying, 'Mum, look at this!'

It is a reminder of the power and opportunity a safe and secure home can have, and it is why, despite the opposition not supporting purchases like this, our government has and always will put housing front and centre.

We have come a long way from where we began when we had to clean up the mess and the savage cuts of the Newman government. We have added and delivered thousands of social homes, and we have brought QBuild back from the ashes, with hundreds of tradies now on the tools to build, maintain and repair the homes we need. Under our new Premier, we are doing even more with our Homes for Queenslanders plan. It is an ambitious blueprint to deliver one million new homes, 53,500 social homes, help for first home buyers, support and reforms for renters, and critical funding and resources to work towards ending homelessness. We are doing what matters, with shovels in the ground on more than 1,000 social homes and data showing our housing industry is bouncing back.

It was not too long ago when many of the faces that sit across from us today orchestrated a symphony of cuts to Queensland's housing system—slashing 1,600 QBuild jobs, cutting critical support for renters and sending social housing backwards by 428 homes.

Mr Crisafulli interjected.

Ms SCANLON: I take the interjection from the member for Broadwater because it was only two weeks ago that Peter Dutton signalled billions of dollars in cuts to social and affordable housing and home ownership. A shared equity scheme is on the chopping block under the LNP.

It is only a Miles Labor government that will do what matters for Queenslanders—a government with a plan to deliver one million more homes and to help Queenslanders into home ownership and renters with the support and reforms they need.