



Speech By  
**Hon. Steven Miles**


**MEMBER FOR MURRUMBA**

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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

**Housing and Homelessness**

 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Premier) (10.12 am): I firmly believe every Queenslanders deserves a safe place to call home. It is why one of our first actions was to deliver the Homes for Queenslanders plan. It is a \$3 billion investment to deliver reform to the rental sector, build more homes, help first home owners, boost social housing and, importantly, work towards ending homelessness. Our plan has delivered a big uplift in funding for homelessness services to ensure our most vulnerable are supported. It is a \$390 million investment equating to a 20 per cent increase in funding to services. It is what service providers told us they needed to keep doing their important work. We listened and we delivered.

I am incredibly concerned to hear of people sleeping rough in my electorate of Murrumba. A tent is no place to live and certainly no place for children to live. I am advised the housing department's critical response team has visited McKillop Park in my electorate a number of times in the past month and offered emergency housing to all the people there. They attended the site as recently as yesterday and will visit again today. I understand some people have accepted emergency housing and others have declined. I am committing to visiting as soon as I can, alongside our hardworking critical response team. I want to hear their stories and deliver the support needed to get these vulnerable Queenslanders back on their feet. I want to acknowledge the work of Chris Whiting, the member for Bancroft, whose electorate office is across the road from that park. I also want to acknowledge my hardworking electorate office staff. Chris has been incredibly engaged on this matter, and his office has provided daily support to these vulnerable Queenslanders. My government is committed to delivering real change. We will continue to deliver our Homes for Queenslanders plan and seek to ensure every Queenslanders has a place to call home.