




Speech By
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 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Premier and Minister for Veterans) (2.05 pm): Our government is giving this state a fresh start and making sure more Queenslanders have a place to call home. A decade of Labor created our state's worst housing crisis. Under Labor rents skyrocketed, vulnerable Queenslanders were left on housing waitlists and many more were locked out of owning their own home. Our government is serious about delivering new homes to Queenslanders and ending the housing crisis. We have already delivered practical steps to help more Queenslanders into the property market and to ease the cost-of-living crisis. We know that first home buyers are struggling to enter the housing market.

From tomorrow, Queenslanders who make their first home a new home will not pay a single cent of stamp duty. We have axed a Labor tax. We promised to do this before the election and we have delivered it for Queenslanders, just as we said we would. We have also made changes to allow Queenslanders to rent out a room and still be able to keep their first home owners grant. We are also working hard to increase housing supply and deliver more homes for Queenslanders. The Securing our Housing Foundations plan will unlock one million homes by 2044, unleash the community housing sector and establish a \$2 billion infrastructure fund.

We recently opened applications for round 1 of our new Residential Activation Fund. This fund will accelerate the delivery of trunk and essential infrastructure required to activate new residential housing developments. We are supporting housing supply across the state; that is why at least 50 per cent of the \$2 billion Residential Activation Fund will be invested in regional, rural and remote local government areas.

Our new Housing Ministerial Taskforce Cabinet Committee will focus government on maximising housing supply. It is about supply—supply, supply, supply. We will deliver tens of thousands of new social and community houses; 10,000 of those new homes will be delivered on church and charity owned land after we made it accessible for housing. Our government's plan is already delivering real outcomes to unlock home ownership and boost housing supply because every Queenslander deserves a place to call home.

I am also happy to announce today that our government's next community cabinet will be held in Townsville on 26 May. I have already travelled to Townsville many times as Premier, and growing up in North Queensland means it is a very special part of the state for me.

A government member: Go the Broncos.

Mr CRISAFULLI: I will not take that interjection. Townsville is front and centre in our quest to address Labor's youth crime crisis. They were the first community to sound the alarm when Labor watered down the laws a decade ago. In recent months we have been supporting North Queenslanders

through the recovery from flooding and severe rain, but there is a lot to look forward to in Townsville as well. The city will play a key role in our 2032 Delivery Plan, and our Hospital Rescue Plan will deliver more beds and more services for Queenslanders.

It will be our first visit as a cabinet to regional Queensland following today's introduction of historic domestic violence laws which my colleagues will speak on in more detail soon. We will have the chance to speak with stakeholders and police about the positive impact the laws will have. Residents will have the chance to meet with our ministers on Sunday ahead of a cabinet meeting on Monday, 26 May. I am looking forward to talking with Townsville locals once again and hearing how we can achieve the best outcomes for a magnificent region.

I would like to address a tragic incident that occurred overnight in Bundaberg. Sadly, a cyclist, just going about his daily life, lost his life in a hit-and-run incident overnight. It will be a tough day for the victim's family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.