



Speech By
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Housing

 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Premier and Minister for Veterans) (2.10 pm): Housing is one of the biggest pressures facing Queensland families. It is a problem that did not appear overnight. It is the product of years of inaction and delay. While our population surged, housing supply did not keep up. Under Labor housing lot approvals dropped by 29 per cent, new home approvals fell 36 per cent and Queensland's home ownership fell to the lowest in the country. Our government is committed to delivering a place to call home for more Queenslanders. We took to the election a plan for one million new homes by 2044 and we have been hard at work delivering that plan.

Last month we released our response to the Queensland Productivity Commission's report into our state's construction industry. It exposes Queensland's Best Practice Industry Conditions—that is, Labor's CFMEU tax—as a major cause of our state's housing crisis. The report found that under Labor declining productivity led to 77,000 fewer homes being delivered—77,000 fewer homes that could have housed so many Queenslanders. In response, we have permanently axed Labor's BPICs, we have cut red tape and reformed procurement, but activating supply is at the heart of our approach. We have already established a \$2 billion Residential Activation Fund. Almost half of that fund is already allocated to projects right across the state. That funding will be used to deliver the critical infrastructure needed to unlock new homes sooner. The program has already allowed councils to get on with delivering over 98,000 new homes. Our nation-leading Land Activation Program will fast-track homes and address Labor's housing crisis. The program will identify vacant and underutilised land owned by the government that can be used to deliver more homes—land right across the state, some even under people's noses.

Priority development areas declared in the Southern Thornlands, Waraba, North Harbour and Mount Peter will unlock tens of thousands of homes. We are also supporting first home buyers to enter the market. We axed a tax. We got rid of a tax by abolishing stamp duty on new builds for first home buyers. Our Boost to Buy program offers a practical pathway into home ownership for Queenslanders who are locked out of the market despite working hard and doing everything right. It helps first home buyers bridge the deposit gap and get into a home sooner. It is about aspiration and opportunity.

More than 5,300 social and affordable homes are in construction or under contract across the state. We are working in genuine partnership with councils, community housing providers and the private sector. Queensland finally has a government serious about housing, serious about supply and serious about home ownership. When it comes to housing we are delivering for Queensland and we will keep working to give more Queenslanders a place to call home.