




Speech By
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MOTION

Housing

 **Hon. DC JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership) (6.16 pm): It is appropriate in this motion that we talk about housing in all its forms. There are two names that come to my mind when I think about housing in Queensland and they are John and Lina, Syrian refugees to this country who fled oppression, who fled difficult circumstances in the most difficult environments to seek a new life here in Australia. During the budget process I was fortunate to stand with them. They had gone on the journey of housing in our state: from insecure housing and social housing and renting to home ownership. They stood with the Premier and me, John and Lena, Syrian refugees who had gone all the way—they had sought aspiration in this country, a better life—and they were able to reach out with the first home owner grant and the abolition of stamp duty for first home buyers towards that aspiration at last. When I think of this motion, I think of the pipeline of housing from the most vulnerable—and I am going to come to that in a moment—to that aspiration that lies deep in every single Australian, that aspiration of home ownership, that piece of the great Australian dream. Do honourable members know what this motion misses tonight? It misses that aspiration.

I am delighted to be the Treasurer of a government which invested heavily—there were record investments in the budget this year—into affordable and social housing: \$5.6 billion in our budget and \$365 million into crisis accommodation and support for housing. We invested money, a 20 per cent permanent specialist housing homelessness uplift that those opposite had never funded. We funded that 20 per cent specialist homelessness uplift in our budget. We did that because we know that the most vulnerable Queenslanders are deserving of that support. We did that with that \$5.6 billion investment in the budget this year. By the end of it we are going to have permanent baseline funding of \$500 million—

Mr O'Connor: At least.

Mr JANETZKI: I take the interjection from the housing minister—at least—in that final year in 2028-29 so we can keep that pipeline moving. That is fundamental to what we must achieve. When I look at those opposite and their record of failure—a Housing Investment Fund of \$2 billion with not a single home built, 750 build-to-rent homes that were promised by those opposite but never delivered, a 29 per cent drop in lot approvals and a 36 per cent drop in housing approvals. Those opposite across the board failed in housing.

I heard the interjection from the member for Woodridge about shovels. We on this side of the House are delighted to be opening social housing projects across the board that we are delivering for the people of Queensland. I know that the Deputy Premier is speaking later in this debate and he will have more to say about projects that we are delivering on the ground. There is only one shovel that the member for Woodridge should be worried about: I remember the golden shovel that he used when he was handing out tens of millions of dollars of taxpayer money to billionaires. Who could forget that

golden shovel from the member for Woodridge? He can come in here and talk about golden shovels. The only golden shovel the member for Woodridge should be concerned about is that shovel he was using when he was handing over tens of millions of dollars of Queensland taxpayer dollars to billionaires—the Pratts. That is what the member for Woodridge should be concerned about.

We on this side of the House are investing into the social and affordable housing pipeline. We are delivering with the Residential Activation Fund a billion dollars by 30 June next year, with 98,000 lots unlocked already. Home ownership is fundamental to that pipeline of housing—that is what this motion tonight misses—and I am delighted to be the first home ownership minister in Queensland. We have our Boost to Buy program, with over 18,000 expressions of interest. We already have a thousand people who have benefited from abolishing stamp duty for first home buyers purchasing a new build. We have extended the first home owner grant for another 12 months. I want more people like John and Lina—people starting in the most insecure housing environment—to aspire to that very important Australian dream of home ownership, and we on this side of the House will back it in every day.

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