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Housing

 **Mrs YOUNG** (Redlands—LNP) (6.06 pm): Labor claim that this government has somehow failed on housing. Honestly, I am new around here but I do have to ask: have they forgotten who created Queensland's housing crisis in the first place? After a decade of decline, Labor left this state in a mess. More than 53,000 Queenslanders were stranded on the social housing waitlist, with families sleeping in cars, young people locked out of the market and communities crying out for planning certainty. That is Labor's legacy—10 years of chaos, inaction and poor planning. Those consequences do not disappear overnight.

In just our first year, the Crisafulli government have rolled up our sleeves and started the hard work to ensure Queenslanders have a place to call home. We have launched the \$2 billion Residential Activation Fund, unlocking almost 100,000 new homes across Queensland, delivering the essential infrastructure needed to get homes built faster. We have invested \$31.1 million to update 13 regional plans, which is something councils, industry and communities have all been crying out for. We have removed stamp duty for first home buyers building a new home; this is real relief for Queenslanders trying to get their foot in the door. We have unlocked church and charity land, and that was done within our first 100 days of government. We have launched Boost to Buy—the most generous shared equity scheme in Australia, helping moderate-income Queenslanders purchase their first home.

We have also developed a landmark master agreement with community housing providers, cut red tape and committed a record \$5.6 billion in our first budget to deliver new social and affordable housing. Already, homes are being delivered—70 in Beerwah, 26 in Sippy Downs and 18 in Maroochydore, with hundreds more underway right across the state. Unlike Labor, we are getting planning back on track.

In my own community of Redlands we are progressing the Southern Thornlands PDA, a project that sat on the former minister's desk for years. It left locals wondering where new homes would be delivered and whether their kids and grandkids would have to leave the community they grew up in to get a house to call their own. We also put a stop to Labor's Broadwater Terrace SFD approval, a development that ignored local planning and council and community expectations. That was not a solution to a housing crisis; it was a part of the problem.

We know that housing is about more than bricks and mortar; it is about people. That is why this government is backing the most vulnerable Queenslanders. We have invested a record \$592 million in new funding to support Queenslanders experiencing homelessness, the largest investment of its kind in our state's history. We have locked in a 20 per cent uplift in homelessness service funding through to 2029, providing an additional \$209 million in certainty and stability for frontline organisations doing the incredible work on the ground. We have doubled the head-leasing budget, providing immediate housing options for people in need while we bring new supply online; and we are delivering at least eight new youth foyers and 10 new domestic and family violence shelters, giving young people, women and children a safe place to rebuild their lives.

We are restoring fairness to the social housing system with a tenancy management overhaul and a new antisocial behaviour policy because every Queenslander deserves to feel safe and respected in their community. We have established the Homelessness Ministerial Advisory Council, bringing together housing and homelessness sector leaders with senior government representatives to drive collaboration and real solutions.

The difference is clear: Labor spent a decade creating Queensland's housing crisis; in just one year this government has set a new course building homes, supporting families and restoring confidence in housing delivery. We are not pretending to get the job done; we are getting on with it. While Labor points the finger, we are giving Queenslanders a place to call home.