

Question on Notice

No. 776

Asked on Tuesday, 15 June 2021

MR C BOYCE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNITIES AND HOUSING, MINISTER FOR DIGITAL ECONOMY AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (HON L ENOCH)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the recent court decision to de-register the Eidsvold Aboriginal Corporation and appoint a liquidator—

Will the Minister advise how the Minister intends to address the possible displacement of the people whose homes will be sold to recover the rate debts incurred to the North Burnett Regional Council?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for the question.

The Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy has been made aware that Eidsvold Aboriginal Corporation Development Society (EACDS) are working through a liquidation process.

The Liquidator has agreed to work with stakeholders to ensure there is minimal impact on the Eidsvold community and affected residents.

The department remains committed to working with Council and affected residents to ensure minimal impact on the Eidsvold Community.

The Palaszczuk Government remains committed to working in partnership to build a strong and responsive Indigenous Community Housing Sector to better support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders.

In May 2021, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Queensland, the peak body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Organisations and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Councils was launched. The purpose of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Queensland is to represent and strengthen the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander housing sector and ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives are embedded into housing leadership, design and service delivery.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Queensland is currently working closely with the sector to identify needs and develop pathways to overcome challenges and build a stronger and more sustainable Indigenous Community Housing Sector to better support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders.