

Question on Notice

No. 1326

Asked on 9 November 2022

DR A MACMAHON asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics Infrastructure (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the Resilient Homes Fund—

Will the Deputy Premier advise (a) what assistance is available to people living in community titles schemes, both to (i) home-owners and (ii) body corporates and (b) what scope is there to extend assistance to those not currently able to access it, particularly body corporates?

ANSWER:

- (a)(i) Through the Resilient Homes Fund, Queenslanders whose homes were damaged by flooding in 2021-22, could be considered for a range of options that may include retrofitting, house raising or the voluntary buy-back of homes at high risk from future floods.

We recognise there is not a ‘one size fits all’ approach. Every homeowner’s situation is unique and will be considered individually based on their level of flood damage, future flood risk and property type.

Homeowners in community title schemes may be eligible for the Resilient Homes Fund if they meet the eligibility criteria.

The resilient retrofit program provides funding of up to \$50,000 towards repairing (enhancing resilience) or retrofitting homes to incorporate flood resilient design and materials in liveable rooms or areas. It also includes raising or relocating services essential to the continued liveability of the home.

If the cost of the retrofit works is estimated to exceed \$50,000, the homeowner will be required to co-contribute on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

Eligibility for Voluntary Home Buy-Back is based on the properties meeting the eligibility criteria: the extent of damage, the flood risk and socio-economic factors.

In order for community title properties to be selected for Voluntary Home Buy-Back, all properties within the community title scheme/development would need to have registered for the Resilient Homes Fund and nominated interest in Voluntary Home Buy-Back.

- (ii) Common areas of community titles schemes (such as communal laundries and barbecue spaces) are not eligible for the Resilient Homes Fund Resilient Retrofit program.

- (b) While homeowners of community title schemes may be eligible for the Resilient Homes Fund if they meet the eligibility criteria, the funding package agreed with the Australian Government does not extend to common areas.