

Question on Notice

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Asked on 11 December 2025

MS B ASIF asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and Minister for Industrial Relations (HON J BLEIJIE) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the announcement of the government on 30 July 2025 of a new model code to unlock church- and charity-owned land—

Will the Deputy Premier advise:

- (a) which of Queensland's 77 local governments have adopted the model code, either in full or with local refinements, and the total number that have done so and
- (b) of those local governments that have adopted the model code, how many used the streamlined planning scheme amendment process under section 18 of the *Planning Act 2016*?

ANSWER:

The Crisafulli Government is committed to unlocking church and charity-owned land for community housing to scale up the supply of housing stock across the State, meeting the demands of Queensland's growing population, with the first step being regulatory changes.

These changes enable progress on the Government's commitment to support the community housing sector to deliver 10,000 new community homes on church and charity-owned land, with 500 homes built within two years.

We have worked with the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ), who led the preparation of a model code for community housing on Community facilities zoned land that can be adopted by Local Government into local planning schemes. The model code was released on 30 July 2025.

The model code is an opt-in tool that provides example provisions Local Governments can adopt into their local planning scheme either with or without local refinement, providing flexibility to tailor the provisions to their local context.

We understand the LGAQ continues to promote the opt-in model code to its members.

The model code guidance is available publicly on the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning website.

However, its use is only guidance, and councils are required to amend their planning schemes to implement the streamlined process if they so choose.

I understand a number of councils are going through that process now, however, that data is not yet available until council's request to change their planning schemes.

The Crisafulli Government will continue to work constructively and positively with Queensland councils as part of a reset planning partnership.