

Ministerial Housing Council

Thursday, 25 July 2019

COMMUNIQUE

On Thursday 25 July 2019, the Honourable Mick de Brenni MP, Minister for Housing and Public Works, Minister for Digital Technology and Minister for Sport, held a special meeting of the Ministerial Housing Council (the Council) to discuss the evaluation of the *Queensland Housing Strategy Action Plan 2017-2020* (Action Plan) and next steps.

The Minister highlighted key achievements and progress from the Action Plan, including delivering on legislative reforms, boosting the supply of social and affordable housing, and fully implementing stage 1 of the service delivery transformation.

The Council endorsed the person-centred approach of the Housing Strategy, and the shift towards holistic and integrated service responses under the service delivery transformation. Acknowledging that social housing applicants are increasingly presenting with complex needs, the Council supported the Department of Housing and Public Works' (the department's) supportive tenancy management approach which aims to help tenants address issues and sustain their tenancy.

The Council endorsed the development of a research and evaluation program in partnership with a tertiary institution, including sector engagement, to inform the next phase of work under the Housing Strategy.

The Minister noted that as the largest property manager in the state, the department strives to set a high standard. The research and evaluation panel will help to ensure policies, procedures and service delivery approaches are in line with national and international best practice. The Council provided its support for this approach.

The Council noted a report from guest speaker Ms Belinda Drew, Chief Executive Officer, Community Services Industry Alliance (CSIA) on CSIA's Homelessness Investment Logic. The department will coordinate a program of engagement with interested council members through the establishment of a sub-committee to consider the report.

The Ministerial Housing Council will reconvene in the third quarter of 2019.

Attendees:

Real Estate Institute of Queensland
Residential Tenancies Authority
Association of Residents of Queensland
Retirement Villages
The Domestic and Family Violence
Implementation Council
Griffith University
Queensland Council of Social Services
Strata Community Association (Qld)

Council on the Ageing Queensland
Umpi Korumba Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander Corporation for Housing
Queenslanders with Disability Network
Tenants Queensland
Queensland Shelter
Urban Development Institute of
Australia (Qld)