

Queensland Housing Supply Expert Panel Communique

Wednesday 12 July 2023 – Meeting #2

Meeting Purpose

The Queensland Housing Supply Expert Panel (the Panel) met formally for the second time this year on 12 July 2023.

With responsibility for the Panel recently transferred from the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DSDILGP) to the Department of Housing (DoH), a focus of the meeting was to introduce the Panel to the Minister for Housing, Meaghan Scanlon and to the Director-General of the Department of Housing, Mark Cridland.

Guest speakers then provided briefings and updates to the Panel on key government priorities, including the review of the South-East Queensland Regional Plan 2017 (DSDILGP) - *ShapingSEQ* - a key outcome of the Queensland Housing Summit, community education (DSDILGP), and development of *Our Place: A First Nations Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2024-2027* (DoH).

Address by the Minister and introduction by the Department of Housing Director-General

The Minister and Director-General welcomed the Panel and expressed their strong interest in the expertise, insights, and advice the Panel will continue to provide to Government, to improve housing supply, diversity, and affordability across the State.

As part of their address, the Minister and Director-General presented the Panel with an overview of DoH's priorities, recent budget announcements and transition arrangements. Minister Scanlon noted the opportunities the transition presents to involve the Panel more closely in the work undertaken by DoH, while the Director-General noted the continued close working relationship between DoH and DSDILGP.

The Minister is looking forward to addressing the challenges ahead, and with the Panel's help, to delivering better housing outcomes for Queenslanders.

Panel discussions

In light of opportunities to focus more broadly on housing supply across the whole housing system, the Panel will be considering its Terms of Reference.

The Panel also shared updates and details of upcoming key events of interest, including the AHURI

National Housing Conference to be held in Brisbane 10-12 October 2023.

The Chair noted that a draft consultation plan presented at the recent Olympic Legacy Summit is now available for feedback and invited the Panel to review the plan and share their ideas.

Matters for advice

The Panel was briefed by DoH on the development of *Our Place: A First Nations Housing and Homeless Plan 2024 -2027*. Consultation was well underway through Yarning Circles in urban and regional locations, with organisations also invited to make submissions with their feedback. DoH was invited to provide an update on the outcomes of consultation at a future Panel meeting.

DSDILGP provided feedback to the Panel on how advice was incorporated in the *ShapingSEQ* working session, with a progress and tracking update. The Panel was also advised that consultation on the review of the South-East Queensland Regional Plan 2017 *Shaping SEQ* will open in August 2023, for a 30-day consultation period.

DSDILGP reported on progress on the development of a community education campaign, which was an initiative of the October 2022 Queensland Housing Summit. DSDILGP is working with councils and industry stakeholders on the campaign intended to inform Queenslanders of the role of planning in accommodating population growth through diverse dwelling types, while maintaining lifestyle. DSDILGP presented on community feedback which is informing the campaign.

DSDILGP provided the Panel with an overview of the review of Inclusionary Planning, Growth Monitoring Program, Regional Plans progression and City Deals funding announcements.

Comments from Panel Chair, Julie Saunders

As we transition into our new home with the Department of Housing, the housing crisis continues to evolve. Pleasingly, we are continuing to see a range of government actions, the *ShapingSEQ* and *Our Place: A First Nations Housing and Homeless Plan 2024 -2027* work being key to this. Focus now needs to move to construction costs to ensure projects can get out of the ground.