

# 2023–24 Annual Report–Government bodies

## Brisbane Housing Company Ltd (BHC)

Act or instrument	<p><i>Housing Act 2003</i></p> <p>Shareholders Agreement (First Amendment) dated 11 November 2014</p> <p>Constitution of Brisbane Housing Company Limited (Second Amendment) dated 25 November 2014</p>
Functions	<p>A not-for-profit organisation that delivers and manages affordable housing and mixed tenure developments that incorporate elements of social housing, National Rental Affordability Scheme, market for sale product, retail and commercial space.</p>
Achievements	<p>Key achievements for 2023–24 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• through the Partnering for Growth initiative, BHC has delivered the 32 units at Cornwall Street, Woolloongabba and during the past year completed the Wardle Street, Mount Gravatt development delivering a further 32 units of accommodation</li> <li>• BHC has obtained a Development Approval for the construction of 74 units at Park Road, Yeronga, which will commence during 2024–2025 at an estimated cost of approximately \$41 million</li> <li>• through the Quickstarts Qld initiative BHC will deliver 55 units of social and affordable housing at Daveson Road, Capalaba. Construction of the project will commence during the second half of calendar 2024, with an estimated Total Development Cost of approximately \$24 million</li> <li>• through the Queensland Housing Investment Fund (HIF), the State has partnered with the BHC and QIC Consortium to commence up to 1,200 units of accommodation. Stage one includes seven projects in South-East Queensland, involving approximately 600 new social and affordable homes. Construction has commenced at five locations including Ethel Street and Curwen Terrace Chermside, Sutton Street Redcliffe, Cleveland Street Stones Corner and Carl Street Woolloongabba</li> <li>• BHC has submitted to Housing Australia to develop up to 743 units of accommodation with the support of the Housing Australia Future Fund (HAFF) initiative. This includes a proposed development of 201 units of accommodation at Northshore Hamilton in partnership with Economic Development Queensland.</li> </ul>
Financial reporting	<p>BHC is an Australian Public Company limited by shares. In 2002, the State established BHC as a vehicle to deliver affordable accommodation in Brisbane.</p> <p>While BHC is established as an independent company at arm's length to the State, to ensure it retains its charitable status, the State owns two of the three shares issued in the company, with the remaining share held by Brisbane City Council. BHC must seek approval from the State to make changes to the organisation's Constitution and shareholders protocol which restricts BHC's use of funds to its charter to deliver affordable accommodation.</p> <p>BHC is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) as a large charity and is a Public Benevolent Institution endorsed to access the Goods and Services Tax (GST) concession, Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) exemption and Income Tax exemption. BHC is also endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR).</p> <p>BHC produces consolidated General Purpose Financial Statements as required by the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> and the <i>Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012</i>. BHC's financial accounts are exempt from audit by the Queensland Auditor-General. Instead, BHC's financial accounts are independently audited by Grant Thornton Audit Pty Ltd.</p> <p>In accordance with its Shareholders' Agreement, BHC must provide copies of its audited balance sheet, profit and loss account, and any other information relating to the business or financial condition of BHC to its shareholders. Each year the Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) is formally instructed to complete a financial viability review of BHC. QTC's findings are provided to the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Planning, and Minister for Public Works and the Queensland Treasurer, in accordance with the Shareholding Protocol.</p> <p>BHC's 30 June 2023 financial statements highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual turnover from rental operations was \$19 million, up 2.9 per cent from the previous year</li> <li>• Operating performance is considered stable and supported by a large wholly owned housing portfolio and strong support from the Government through Government Grants</li> <li>• Net asset position of \$429 million, largely represented by property assets. 9 per cent increase from the previous year's position</li> <li>• Liquidity is considered adequate with the business generating an operating cash surplus of \$3.2 million in 2023 and \$3.4 million in 2022.</li> </ul>

## Remuneration

Position	Name	Meetings/sessions attendance	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee <sup>1</sup>	Approved sub-committee fees if applicable	Actual fees received <sup>1,2</sup>
Independent Chair	Eloise Atkinson	8	\$23,718	N/A	\$28,285
Director	Julie Heckenberg	10	\$11,859	\$2,372	\$16,971
Director	Kirsty Smith	9	\$11,859	\$2,372	\$16,971
Director	Les Jones	10	\$11,859	\$2,372	\$16,971
Director	Matt Leyshon	9	\$11,859	\$2,372	\$16,457
Director	Geoff Woolcock	10	\$11,859	N/A	\$14,142
Director	Karla Fraser	10	\$11,859	N/A	\$12,909
Director	Katie Williams	9	\$11,859	N/A	\$13,271
Director	Stacey Ross	9	\$11,859	N/A	\$14,142
No. scheduled meetings/sessions		10 Board meetings			
Total out of pocket expenses		\$354			

<sup>1</sup> The fee includes superannuation.

<sup>2</sup> The fee includes backpay for the period 1/07/2019–30/06/2023.

## Councillor Conduct Tribunal

Act or instrument	<i>Local Government Act 2009</i>
Functions	<p>Its functions are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>conducting hearings of applications made by the independent assessor and deciding what action the tribunal will take under section 150AR of the Act to discipline the councillor</li> <li>any other function related to functions given to the Tribunal under the Act as directed in writing by the Minister.</li> </ul> <p>The Tribunal comprises a president and a pool of casual members. Tribunal members must have extensive knowledge of, and experience in any of the following: local government, investigations, law, public administration or public sector ethics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up until 22 November 2023<sup>3</sup>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to investigate the suspected inappropriate conduct of a Councillor referred to the local government by the Office of the Independent Assessor and to be dealt with by the local government</li> <li>to make recommendations to the local government about dealing with the inappropriate conduct.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Achievements	<p>Key achievements for 2023–24 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16 misconduct applications were heard and decisions delivered</li> <li>1 decision delivered in relation to an application heard in the previous financial year</li> <li>2 inappropriate conduct investigations finalised.</li> </ul>
Financial reporting	Transactions of the entity are accounted for in the financial statements of the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works

### Remuneration

Position	Name	Meetings/sessions attendance	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee	Approved sub-committee fees if applicable	Actual fees received
President (end of term 31.10.23)	June Anstee	2	\$520/ 4hr block or part there of	N/A	Matters \$13,000.00 Admin \$143,578.00
President (commencement date 13.11.23)	Russell Hood	0	N/A	N/A	\$147,935.01
Chair	Brendan Walker-Munro	6	\$520/ 4hr block or part there of	N/A	Matters \$31,200.00
Member					Admin \$0
Chair	Troy Newman	6	\$520/ 4hr block or part there of	N/A	Matters \$27,560.00
Member		4	\$400/4hr block or part there of		Matters \$6,000.00 Admin \$400.00

<sup>3</sup> As part of amendments to the *Local Government Act 2009* in 2023 the Tribunal's investigative function was removed.

Position	Name	Meetings/sessions attendance	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee	Approved sub-committee fees if applicable	Actual fees received
Chair	Gabe Bednarek	7	\$520/ 4hr block or part there of	N/A	Matters \$27,560.00
Member		5	\$400/4hr block or part there of		Matters \$10,000.00 Admin \$2,760.00
Chair	Russell Faulkner	5	\$520/ 4hr block or part there of	N/A	Matters \$3,120.00
Member		1	\$400/4hr block or part there of		Matters \$2,800.00 Admin \$920.00
Member	Carolyn Ashcroft	14	\$400/4hr block or part there of	N/A	Matters \$19,200.00 Admin \$2,400.00
Member	Grant Wilson	2	\$400/4hr block or part there of	N/A	Matters \$2,400.00 Admin \$800.00
Member	Greg Chemello	3	\$400/4hr block or part there of	N/A	Matters \$1,320.00 Admin \$0
Member	Kylie Goodwin	3	\$400/4hr block or part there of	N/A	Matters \$2,400.00 Admin \$0
Member	Rebecca Ogge	1	\$400/4hr block or part there of	N/A	Matters \$400.00 Admin \$0
Member	Rod Ferguson	1	\$400/4hr block or part there of	N/A	Matters \$400.00 Admin \$0
Member	Peter Black (former member)	9	\$400/4hr block or part there of	N/A	Matters \$26,632.00 Admin \$0
Member	Emma Fogerty	1	\$400/4hr block or part there of	N/A	Matters \$800 Admin \$0
Member	Louise Prychidczuk	2	\$400/4hr block or part there of	N/A	Matters \$1,600.00 Admin \$0
Member	Danielle Brown	1	\$400/4hr block or part there of	N/A	Matters \$400 Admin \$0
Member	Robert Olding	0	\$400/4hr block or part there of	N/A	Matters \$0 Admin \$0
No. scheduled meetings/sessions			16 hearings were conducted and decisions delivered. 1 decision delivered in relation to an application heard in the previous financial year.		
Total out of pocket expenses			\$2,357.40 "Out of pocket" expenses are outlined in the Remuneration Procedures for part-time Chairs and members of Queensland Government bodies.		

## Development Tribunals

Act or instrument	<i>Planning Act 2016</i>
Functions	The Development Tribunals an affordable, timely, accessible non-court-based service to resolve building and development appeals and appeals relating to enforcement notices, plumbing and drainage and water connection appeals. Each Tribunal for an appeal is comprised of between one and five members appointed by the Chief Executive, drawn from 113 referees.
Achievements	Key achievements for 2023–24 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 57 appeals finalised</li></ul>
Financial reporting	Appeal fees and member remuneration payments are accounted for in the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works financial statements 2023–24.

### Remuneration

Referees are only paid if they are appointed to a Tribunal to decide an appeal. Fees for a standard appeal equivalent to eight hours are \$650 for the chairperson and \$500 for an ordinary member. Fees for a complex appeal, equivalent to twelve hours, are \$975 for a chairperson and a \$750 for an ordinary member. Referees are also remunerated for out-of-pocket expenses such as private vehicle travel and postage costs.

## Local Government Change Commission (LGCC)

Act or instrument	<i>Local Government Act 2009</i> <i>City of Brisbane Act 2010</i>
Functions	The Local Government Change Commission is established to assess whether a proposed local government change is in the public interest, for example, a change to the boundaries of a local government area, the number of councillors for a local government, or the name of a local government area. The Change Commission is made up of the Electoral Commissioner or any combination of the Electoral Commissioner, Deputy Electoral Commissioner, Casual Commissioners (appointed by the Governor in Council). The Electoral Commissioner can choose any or all of the Casual Commissioners to help assess a particular change proposal.
Achievements	Key achievements for 2023–24 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Divisional Boundary Reviews: The Commission undertook extensive reviews of divisional boundaries for several local government areas, including Isaac Regional Council, Bundaberg Regional Council, Fraser Coast Regional Council, and Tablelands Regional Council.</li> <li>• Implementation of Electoral Spending Caps: For the first time, caps on electoral spending were introduced for local government elections in Queensland. These caps, which took effect on August 14, 2023, aim to create a more level playing field by limiting the amount of money candidates and parties can spend during their campaigns.</li> <li>• Finalisation of Revised Divisional Boundaries: The revised divisional boundaries, based on public feedback and thorough assessment, were successfully implemented for the 2024 local government elections. These new boundaries ensured that each division had an equitable distribution of electors, enhancing the fairness and integrity of the electoral process.</li> </ul>
Financial reporting	In accordance with the <i>Remuneration Procedures for Part-time Chairs and Members of Queensland Government Bodies</i> , public sector employees are ineligible for remuneration. It is proposed that the casual commissioners will not receive any additional remuneration for undertaking duties under the LGCC.

### Remuneration

Public sector employees are ineligible for remuneration.

## Local Government Grants Commission

Act or instrument	<i>Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995</i> <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>
Functions	The Commission's function is to make recommendations to the Minister concerning the allocation of the Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants to the Local Governing Bodies in Queensland.
Achievements	Key achievements for 2023–24 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>made recommendations to the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Planning, and Minister for Public Works about the 2023–24 Financial Assistance Grant</li> <li>continued the implementation of the review of the allocation methodology for the Financial Assistance Grant in Queensland, the first such review in a decade. The allocations resulting from the review are being staged over a three-year period, commencing with the 2022–23 Financial Assistance Grant</li> <li>consulted with the Local Government sector, both as part of the above review process and under its statutory obligations to hold public hearing with councils.</li> </ul>
Financial reporting	Under the Commonwealth <i>Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995</i> section 15(b), the state Treasurer must provide the Commonwealth Minister with a schedule of Financial Assistance Grant payments (amounts and dates) that has been certified by the state Auditor-General. This is to be provided as soon as practicable after 30 June each year. Funding for the operations of the Commission, including secretariat staff, is provided by the department.

### Remuneration

Position	Name	Meetings/sessions attendance	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee	Approved sub-committee fees if applicable	Actual fees received
Chairperson	Paul Bell AM	3 formal meetings 11 dedicated meetings with councils including LGAQ Conference LGGC National Conference Western Qld Alliance of Councils Assembly	\$10,000 per annum	Nil	\$10,000
Deputy Chair	Joshua Hannan	2 formal meetings 2 dedicated meetings with councils (appointed March 2024)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Member	Deirdre Comerford	3 formal meetings 5 dedicated meetings with councils including LGAQ Conference LGGC National Conference	\$6,000	Nil	\$6,000

Position	Name	Meetings/sessions attendance	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee	Approved sub-committee fees if applicable	Actual fees received
Member	Kurt Rehbein	3 formal meetings 5 dedicated meetings with councils including LGAQ Conference	\$6,000	Nil	\$6,000
Member	Janelle Menzies	3 formal meetings 11 dedicated meetings with councils including LGAQ Conference LGGC National Conference	Nil	Nil	Nil
Member	Jan Pool	2 formal meetings 2 dedicated meetings with councils (appointed March 2024)	\$6,000	Nil	\$1,500
No. scheduled meetings/sessions		3 meetings; 11 dedicated council meetings inclusive of Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Conference; Local Government Grants Commission National Conference; Western Qld Alliance of Councils Assembly.			
Total out of pocket expenses		\$6,347			

## Local Government Remuneration Commission

Act or instrument	<i>Local Government Act 2009</i> <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>
Functions	The functions of the Commission, as stipulated by the Act (section 177) are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to establish the categories of local governments</li> <li>to decide the category to which each local government belongs</li> <li>to decide the maximum amount of remuneration payable to the councillors in each of the categories</li> <li>to consider and make recommendations to the Minister about matters relating to councillor advisors; and another function related to the remuneration of councillors directed, in writing, by the Minister.</li> </ul>
Achievements	Key achievements for 2023–24 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>delivered the quadrennial council category review including significant stakeholder engagement and delivering a new robust framework with clear metrics for categorisation</li> <li>confirmed council categorisation and maximum remuneration determination of councillors and mayors for 2023–24.</li> </ul>
Financial reporting	Transactions of the Commission are accounted for in the financial statements of the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works.

### Remuneration

Position	Name	Meetings/sessions attendance	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee	Approved sub-committee fees if applicable	Actual fees received
Chairperson	Robert (Bob) Abbot OAM	16	\$325 sessional fee (4 hours or less)	Nil	\$8,775
Commissioner	Andrea Ranson	16	\$250 sessional fee (4 hours or less)	Nil	\$15,250
Commissioner	Reimen Hii	16	\$250 sessional fee (4 hours or less)	Nil <sup>4</sup>	Nil
No. scheduled meetings/sessions		10 formal meetings; 6 council meetings - LGAQ Conference.			
Total out of pocket expenses		\$611			

<sup>4</sup> Claims for remuneration have not been submitted

## Queensland Housing Supply Expert Panel (QHSEP)

Act or instrument	<p>Non-statutory.</p> <p>The Panel was first established in 2018 to provide independent, expert advice about how to manage land supply and associated issues in South- East Queensland. In December 2022, a new Panel was established to provide advice on land and housing supply state-wide. In May 2023, responsibility for the Panel was transferred to the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works.</p>
Functions	The Queensland Housing Supply Expert Panel provides independent expert advice and guidance to Government on housing and land supply, affordability and diversity across Queensland.
Achievements	<p>The Panel continued to provide advice on the development of the Growth Monitoring Program and the development of the transitional 2024 Land Supply and Development Monitoring reporting, as well as additional advice and guidance on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>options available to government to improve housing supply and diversity outcomes in Queensland regional communities</li> <li>the commerciality of creating unit accommodation, particularly in South East Queensland, and options for government to assist</li> <li>options for Queensland to capture funding under the National Housing Accord, particularly for catalytic infrastructure funding</li> <li>appropriateness of the definition of gentle density provided in <i>ShapingSEQ 2023</i></li> <li>feedback on the draft <i>Shaping SEQ 2023</i> Indicator Dictionary</li> <li>the State Facilitated Development criteria and process</li> <li>the proposed affordable housing criteria to be included in the Regulation for the Economic Development Queensland and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024.</li> </ul>
Financial reporting	The operating and administrative costs associated with the Panel are outlined in the financial statements of the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works.

### Remuneration

Position	Name	Meetings/sessions attendance	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee	Approved sub-committee fees if applicable	Actual fees received
Panel Chair	Julie Saunders	10	\$390 daily fee, or \$195 fee for meeting less than 4 hours	N/A	Did not claim meeting fees
Panel Member	Antonia Mercorella	8	\$300 daily fee. or \$150 fee for meeting less than 4 hours	N/A	\$1,350
Panel Member	Guy Gibson	6			\$750
Panel Member	Matthew Ryan	8			Did not claim meeting fees
Panel Member	Phillip Ransom	7			Did not claim meeting fees
Panel Member	Sharon Harwood	9			\$1,500 <sup>5</sup>
Panel Member	Mary Doctor	9			\$1,650 <sup>5</sup>
Panel Member	Michael Fotheringham	7			Did not claim meeting fees

<sup>5</sup> Fees received include remuneration for meetings attended during the 2022-23 financial year, but processed in the 2023-24 financial year.

Position	Name	Meetings/sessions attendance	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee	Approved sub-committee fees if applicable	Actual fees received
Panel Member	Natalie Rayment	7	\$300 daily fee. or \$150 fee for meeting less than 4 hours	N/A	Did not claim meeting fees
Panel Member	Tim Reardon	7			Did not claim meeting fees
Panel Member	Darren Mew	8			\$450
Panel Member	Amy Degenhart	10			\$1,500
No. scheduled meetings/sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Held five formal meetings on 12 July, 13 September and 6 December 2023, and 15 March and 21 June 2024.</li> <li>Held five working group meetings on 3 August, 15 November and 23 November 2023, and 3 April and 19 April 2024.</li> </ul>				
Total out of pocket expenses	A total of \$683.00 was claimed by Panel members for out-of-pocket expenses (including \$118.50 for meetings attended in the 2022-23 financial year but processed in the 2023–24 financial year).				

## Queensland Urban Design and Places Panel (Advisory)

Act or instrument	Terms of Reference
Functions	The Queensland Urban Design and Places Panel provides state agencies and local governments with independent expert urban design advice on major infrastructure and urban-planning projects across Queensland.
Achievements	<p>Key achievements for 2023–24 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>design review and advice provided to Queensland Health for the Cairns Health and Innovation Centre, the New Bundaberg Hospital, the QEII Hospital Expansion Program and the New Toowoomba Hospital</li> <li>design review and advice provided to Western Downs Regional Council for the Dalby Cultural Centre Development</li> <li>policy review and technical guidance for housing, natural hazards and urban heat.</li> </ul>
Financial reporting	Panel member remuneration payments are accounted for in the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works financial statements 2023–24.

### Remuneration

Members are paid sitting fees only if they are appointed to a design review subcommittee to consider a particular project. Panel members that are public sector employees (which includes the Chair) are not paid sitting fees. Daily sitting fees for non-government members are \$400 or \$200 where a subcommittee meets for four hours or less. Total remuneration costs for 2023–24 were \$34,600.

## Services Trades Council

The Services Trades Council forms part of Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC) and as such will be reported in the QBCC Annual Report.