

# Queensland Housing Supply Expert Panel Communique

## Wednesday 1 March 2023 – Meeting #1

### Meeting Purpose

The Queensland Housing Supply Expert Panel (the panel) met formally for the first time on 1 March 2023. The panel, whose remit has been expanded from South East Queensland (SEQ) to the whole of Queensland, was renewed on 30 December 2022 for a new two-year term after a national expression of interest process.

The new panel is made up of returning and new members and has been increased from 9 to 12 members. The expertise of the panel has also been expanded to include more development sector expertise, social and affordable housing, and knowledge of aboriginal housing needs.

The focus of this meeting was to introduce the members and discuss the panel's purpose and approach. The panel was welcomed by the Deputy Premier, as the Minister for Planning, and briefly discussed the review of South East Queensland Regional Plan (*ShapingSEQ*) as well as other items.

### Panel Purpose and Approach

The panel discussed the importance of strong governance and discussed a wide range of matters associated with this. These included:

- the importance of confidentiality and declaring conflicts of interest. An approach was agreed to recording potential conflicts of interests and members committed to declaring any new potential conflicts at the start of each meeting.
- decision-making protocols and how advice would be provided in the event that consensus was not reached between all members.
- communicating meeting outcomes.

The terms of reference for the panel were endorsed and the panel committed to form a work program for the year over the coming weeks. It was noted that sub-groups will be formed to help deliver this work program.

Members agreed that with the wider state remit, a focus on understanding and providing advice to the regions was critically important, as is the importance of working with the Queensland Government's Housing Delivery Board on the outcomes from the Queensland Housing Summit.

### Deputy Premier Welcome

The Deputy Premier discussed the important role of the panel and the opportunity it has to help people access housing that they can afford. The role of the panel with respect to Queensland's regional plans was noted. The Deputy Premier also reaffirmed the Government's commitment to the \$5 million Community Engagement & Awareness Campaign as an outcome of the Housing Summit and sought the panel's input into this initiative.

### Items for Discussion

The Deputy Director-General for Planning Group provided the panel with an overview of the review of *ShapingSEQ* and invited the panel to play a key role. The panel was particularly interested in how the review could contribute to the provision of a diverse range of housing types and tenures.

The panel agreed to hold a working session in the coming weeks to discuss work being progressed by the department on outcomes from the Housing Summit.

A discussion item around the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Legacy is to be held for out-of-session, and the panel chair invited any comments from members.

### Comments from the Panel Chair, Julie Saunders:

I would like to welcome all members of the renewed panel and thank them for offering their expertise at such a critical time. The renewed panel brings a greater depth of experience and understanding of the housing system. The first meeting brought great enthusiasm and energy to the table and the Panel is focussed on developing and implementing a work program to assist the

Government. This has already kicked off with a sub-group working on understanding barriers that community Housing Providers are experiencing in obtaining NHFIC funding and how this will impact potential HAFF opportunities in the future. This has been undertaken with a view of positioning Queensland with the best opportunity to leverage the federal initiatives.

