

Queensland First Nations Housing and Homelessness Partnership | Communique

Tuesday 18 March 2025

Inaugural Meeting

The inaugural meeting of the Queensland First Nations Housing and Homelessness Partnership (Queensland Partnership) was held in Meanjin (Brisbane) on 18 March 2025.

Establishing the Queensland Partnership delivers on commitments within [Our Place: A First Nations Housing and Homelessness Roadmap to 2031](#) and [Our Place: A First Nations Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2024-2027](#).

The Queensland Partnership brings together First Nations, peak body and government representatives through shared responsibility and decision-making. It aims to increase access to home ownership and culturally responsive and safe housing services and build a stronger housing sector and system for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples living in Queensland.

The Partnership's purpose is to monitor Queensland Government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander housing commitments and provide independent advice on related housing matters and acts as the 'Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Policy Partnership' under the National Closing the Gap Agreement.

Attendees

Attendance at the Queensland Partnership meeting on 18 March 2025:

Co-chairs	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Danielle McAllister, Deputy Director-General, Policy, Performance and First Nations, DHPW (proxy for Mark Cridland, Director-General)2. Neil Willmetts, Chief Executive Officer, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Queensland (Housing Queensland)
Members	<ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Mick Gooda4. Barry Harrison5. Dr Sharon Harwood6. Fiona Jose7. Vonda Malone8. Julie Saunders
Ex-officio members	<ol style="list-style-type: none">9. Mary Doctor, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Policy Partnership representative (Queensland)10. Mayor Alf Lacey, Indigenous Leaders Forum, Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ)11. Sharon Kenyon, General Manager, Policy, Performance and First Nations, DHPW (proxy for Deputy Director-General)12. Stacey Giles, Senior Director, Policy, Performance and First Nations, DHPW (proxy for General Manager)

Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Cridland, Director-General, Department of Housing and Public Works (DHPW) (Co-chair) • Kieran Chilcott, Member • Jason Field, Member.
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Mark Henderson, Managing Director and Lead Probity Advisor from Charles Kendall Australia was present for the duration of the meeting and no conflicts of interest were identified.

Secretariat for the Queensland Partnership is provided by the Department of Housing and Public Works.

Discussions

Members received updates, information and discussed the following:

- Overview of management of probity provided by Charles Kendall Australia
- Key policy contexts including - Closing the Gap, Sector Strengthening Plan, National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness
- National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Policy Partnership update from Queensland representatives
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander housing update
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Queensland overview
- An update on Our Place progress and planning for the upcoming Annual Report.

The key elements of the Queensland Partnership Agreement were explored. The key elements embrace the partnership principles embedded in the National Agreement on Closing the Gap and will encompass the Vision and Principles outlined in the Our Place Roadmap.

The following items were on the agenda and will be reviewed by members:

- Queensland Partnership Forward Work Plan 2025
- Updates and discussion on Our Place priority projects.

The following item was held over for discussion at meeting two:

- Queensland First Nations Housing and Homelessness Data Dashboard

Outcomes and decisions

The Queensland Partnership Terms of Reference were endorsed by consensus.

The Queensland Partnership members agreed to the key elements in the Queensland Partnership Agreement.

Next meeting

The date for the next quarterly Queensland Partnership meeting is yet to be confirmed but is tentatively scheduled for early June 2025