## Queensland

# NATIONAL AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS - BILATERAL SCHEDULE

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule					
Parties	Commonwealth Queensland				
Duration	This Schedule will commence when the Commonwealth and Queensland sign the schedule and is expected to expire on 30 June 2029. It will be reviewed by 30 June 2026. It can also be changed at any time with the agreement of both parties.				
Purpose	This Schedule is a supplementary housing agreement for the purposes of Section 15C of the Federal Financial Relations Act 2009 (Cth) (the FFR Act) (Clause 9 of the primary agreement refers), and will provide a contribution to help people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and support the effective operation of Queensland's social housing and homelessness services sectors.  In committing to this Schedule, the Parties acknowledge their mutual interest in preventing homelessness and improving social housing in Queensland, with particular regard to people experiencing disproportionate housing inequality and disadvantage.				

Estimated
financial
contributions

The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to Queensland of \$1,856.11m in respect of this Schedule.

Table 1 (\$ million)	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	Total
- General Funding	282.15	288.64	294.99	300.89	306.91	1,473.59
<ul> <li>Specified</li> <li>Homelessness</li> <li>Funding</li> </ul>	73.24	74.93	76.58	78.11	79.67	382.52
Queensland- matched homelessness funding	73.24	74.93	76.58	78.11	79.67	382.52

Note: Totals subject to change based on parameter updates.

The Queensland Government invests significant state own funding in Queensland's housing and homelessness systems. Queensland's matched funding under this Agreement is a small component of this investment. Australian Government funding under this Agreement represents a contribution to the costs of operating these systems.

#### Outputs

### **Housing and Homelessness Strategy**

Queensland meets the requirements of clause 18(a) of the Agreement through Homes for Queenslanders, which is available at <a href="https://www.housing.qld.gov.au/homesforqueenslanders">www.housing.qld.gov.au/homesforqueenslanders</a>.

Homes for Queenslanders, backed by an initial state investment of an additional \$3.1 billion over five years, works across the housing system to ensure better outcomes now and for future generations. Through Homes for Queenslanders, the Queensland Government is targeting 1 million new homes, including 53,500 new social homes, by 2046. A dedicated commitment to delivering 1,200 social homes in First Nations communities in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander local government authorities and communities is part of the 53,500 new social homes target. We are ramping up to deliver more than 2,000 additional social homes every year from 2028.

Demand for housing in Queensland is affected by a range of factors. Queensland's strong and diverse economy, climate and lifestyle have attracted significant increases in both interstate and overseas migration in recent years. Recent lifestyle and demographic changes have also contributed to increased demand for housing, with changes in household formation resulting in fewer people in each household and an ageing population. Additionally, Commonwealth policy settings such as migration, taxation and income support payments influence demand for housing in Queensland.

Homes for Queenslanders positions Queensland to respond to changes in housing demand, including through planning reforms to unlock housing supply and reduce barriers to development, support Queenslanders in the private housing market, grow social and affordable housing to reduce unmet need, and improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability of homelessness responses.

Homes for Queenslanders contains key investments and initiatives to contribute to reducing and preventing homelessness.

- A 20 per cent funding uplift to specialist homelessness services (pillar 5, page 31)
- Undertaking an independent review of Queensland's homelessness response (pillar 5, page 31)
- Expand the Critical Response Team model that conducts outreach to rough sleepers to all regions of Queensland (pillar 5, page 31)
- Expand housing pathways for young people experiencing homelessness (pillar 5, page 31)
- Expanding the Immediate Housing Response Package to include individuals and couples (pillar 5, page 31)
- Establish an integrated Youth Support Centre in Fortitude Valley, Brisbane (pillar 5, page 32)
- Continue after-hours outreach services and employ more workers at night (pillar 5, page 33)
- A \$160 million rental relief package to support renters to secure and keep rental tenancies (pillar 2, page 19).

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are disproportionately represented across the social housing and homelessness spectrum.

To address this disparity, Queensland has released Our Place: A First Nations Housing and Homelessness Roadmap to 2031 (the Roadmap), and Our Place: A First Nations Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2024-2027 (Our Place Action Plan), both available at <a href="https://www.housing.qld.gov.au/initiatives/first-nations-housing-and-homelessness">www.housing.qld.gov.au/initiatives/first-nations-housing-and-homelessness</a>.

The Roadmap sets out a consistent, cohesive and coordinated approach to closing the housing gap through the implementation of two successive four-year First Nations housing and homelessness action plans. The Roadmap, including commitment to a third action plan, builds strategically on Homes for Queenslanders by focusing on the structural inequities that compound the effects of current housing pressures for First Nations peoples.

Our Place Action Plan will deliver 27 actions across the following five priority outcomes areas: Partnerships and shared responsibility; Strong sector; A reliable and culturally safe service and support system; Culturally responsive supply solutions; and Private market pathways.

Additionally, through Homes for Queenslanders, Queensland is strengthening pathways and increasing housing support for people with disability, with a new action-oriented plan, *Partnering for Inclusive Housing with Queenslanders with Disability 2024-2027*, co-designed with people with disability and other housing experts.

#### **National Outcomes Framework**

Queensland will meet the requirements of clause 18(b) by reporting against the indicators in the National Outcomes Framework (Schedule A of the Agreement). This will include at a minimum, the compulsory measures as noted below.

#### Homelessness

- Number of unassisted requests for services, split by accommodation and other services
- Number and proportion of clients with an identified need for services who were not provided or referred to those services, split by accommodation and other services
- Number and proportion of clients at risk of homelessness who receive assistance and avoid homelessness
- Number and proportion of clients who return to homelessness after achieving housing

#### Social housing

- Number of social housing dwellings at 30 June: public housing,
   SOMIH, community housing and Indigenous community housing,
   all programs
- Change in the number of social housing dwellings from previous year
- Proportion of overcrowded households: public housing, SOMIH, community housing and Indigenous community housing, all programs
- Proportion of households with at least four working facilities and not more than two major structural problems: public housing, SOMIH, community housing and Indigenous community housing, all programs

Any changes to the reporting arrangements will be agreed by parties to the bilateral schedule (the Commonwealth and Queensland).

#### Statements of Assurance

Queensland will report annually how it has met the requirements of the Agreement using the template in the Agreement (Schedule B) with any departures from this to be agreed by the Commonwealth..

Where possible, reporting will refer to existing reporting, recognising that Queensland also contributes to existing national housing and homelessness data collections and reporting, including the Report on Government Services and Australian Institute of Health and Welfare collections.

The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this schedule as follows:

Signed for and on behalf of the

Commonwealth of Australia by

The Honourable Julie Collins MP

Minister for Housing Minister for Homelessness

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**Signed** for and on behalf of the State of Queensland by

The Honourable Meaghan Scanlon MP

Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning

Minister for Public Works

05/06/2024