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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 9 September 2021 regarding petition 3544-21 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 31 August 2021 about Homelessness and Queensland's housing crisis.

In response to the unprecedented housing market conditions across the state, the Queensland Government has launched the Queensland Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2021–2025 (the Action Plan). Through this Action Plan, the government is investing \$2.9 billion, including the establishment of a \$1 billion Housing Investment Fund, to help more vulnerable Queenslanders into homes quicker.

The government will deliver 7400 new social housing and affordable housing commencements over the next four years and provide more support for women and families experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Through the Help to Home initiative, the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy (DCHDE) will be head leasing properties to ensure that we can respond quickly in areas of high demand and provide homes for people at risk of homelessness.

DCHDE also provides a range of private rental market products and services designed to assist people to access or stabilise private market tenancies, including RentConnect services, rental grant, and bond loan products. This assistance enables customers to build a positive rental history while contributing to the department's commitment to provide safe and secure affordable housing for Queenslanders.

The Action Plan also includes priority actions for driving better integration of services across government and the non-government sector, dedicated actions towards ending homelessness, and measures for promoting fairness and accessibility in the housing sector.

In responding to the petitioners' request for local councils to allocate 25 per cent of council-owned caravan parks as permanent housing, it is important to note that the legislative framework allows councils autonomy in determining the services they deliver to their communities, recognising that individual councils are best placed to determine the services to be delivered to their communities in response to local needs and conditions.

There are limited powers for the state to intervene or direct any local government in such operational matters.

I would like to thank the petitioners for raising this matter with me and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Miles', is positioned above the typed name.

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