1. In 2017, the Queensland Government launched the *Queensland Housing Strategy 2017-2027*, the state’s first housing strategy to address the entire housing continuum from homelessness services and social housing to affordable housing and private rental; and home ownership through to retirement living. Since 2017, much progress has been made towards achieving the vision of the Housing Strategy, however the landscape of housing in Queensland has also fundamentally changed and new challenges and opportunities are presenting themselves.
2. Housing affordability is a major state-wide issue, rental and home purchase prices are rising steeply, and more and more people on low and moderate incomes are seeking assistance. In recognition of the unprecedented pressures on the housing system in Queensland and the ongoing social and economic impacts of COVID-19, the Queensland Government is making a record investment in social and affordable housing and homelessness services. This investment will be delivered through a new Action Plan 2021 – 2025.
3. Under the new *Queensland Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2021 – 2025*, the Queensland Government has established the Queensland Housing Investment Growth Initiative to boost supply, backed by $1.8 billion investment and supported by the newly established $1 billion Housing Investment Fund.
4. The Queensland Housing Investment Growth Initiative offers a new approach to delivery of a state-wide capital program, seeking to attract participants from the social and affordable housing industries, private sector and local governments, alongside financing from the National Housing Finance Investment Corporation (NHFIC) and other avenues. The Queensland Housing Investment Growth Initiative will deliver the commencement of 6,365 new social homes by 30 June 2025.
5. The Action Plan 2021 – 2025 also prioritises continuing service delivery reforms and holistic responses for vulnerable Queenslanders through essential frontline services. It includes commitments to deliver coordination across government agencies, partnerships with the non-government sector to support priority cohorts – including women and children escaping domestic and family violence – and building the capacity of the sector to respond to emerging need.
6. Under the Action Plan, the Queensland Government is committed to support the housing and homelessness service system to deliver better outcomes for Queenslanders. This includes:
7. homelessness initiatives including headleases, private rental products, and crisis housing and supports
8. domestic and family violence housing assistance and support, including flexible assistance packages, specialist case coordination, and support for the statewide Specialist Response Team
9. funding essential housing and homelessness services launched through the first Housing Action Plan 2017-2020, for example funding provided to specialist homelessness service providers.
10. Cabinet approved the *Queensland Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2021 – 2025*, and its public release.
11. *Attachments*
* [Queensland Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2021-2025](Attachments/ActionPlan.pdf)